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These notes for the spring edition of the class notes are being written in the middle of January during a beautiful snowstorm on MLK day. Unfortunately, we won't be enjoying springtime in Middlebury because there are no Reunion plans for classes who didn't meet last year because of the pandemic. That means us! So, "Happy 75th" everyone. • A recent conversation with **Barbara "Flinkie" Flink Ewels** revealed that she still has her great sense of humor as we tried to solve the problems of the world. Talking with Flinkie is one of the highlights of being class correspondent! • As reported previously, **Barbara Busing Harris** is at an assisted living facility in Laconia, N.H. She has poor eyesight but enjoys re-reading old books such as *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. Barb has a son who practiced medicine in Newport, Vt., and is a Nordic ski racer in his retirement. He's skiing in Austria now. • A conversation with **Betsy "Barc" Barclay Wales** was brief because I, **Joan "Cam" Campbell Shaw**, was on Zoom with family members and Barc and her daughter were about to play Scrabble. I'm sure Barc would be an excellent opponent after all the years that she and our late classmate **Jean "Lucky" Luckhardt Barclay Robbins Stratton** had a standing Scrabble game. • We regret to report the death of **Janet Shaw Percival** on December 11. After graduation from Middlebury, Jan worked as a physical therapist treating children with polio before marrying classmate **Bill Percival** who predeceased her. Bill, and then Bill and Jan, and then Jan(!) were class correspondents for many years. What a hard act to follow. They were quintessential volunteers, at Midd and in their retirement community, Rainbow Springs, in Dunnellon, Fla., as well as in Cataumet, Mass.
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REUNION CLASS I received a note from **Alice Neef Perine**, which I am going to quote but with one change. She wrote it in the first person, but I will quote it in third. And it begins: "Greetings." She then tells us that 2021 has been a year of big change. In August, after living in her home on South Street for 62 years, she moved one mile up the street. EastView is a very pleasant care home and several people she knows from town reside there. She has settled into her apartment, reconnected with old friends, and even made some new ones. All of this has made the transition a little easier. Her children continue to use the house for family get-togethers. Sue has moved back to Middlebury temporarily and is working from the house. With Sue and Ken in town and Ron and Perry '71 not too far away, her every need is more than covered. She is blessed with four loving, thoughtful children and their families. Her new address is 100 EastView Terrace, Apartment 169, Middlebury, VT 05753; telephone 802-388-2845. • **Tiffany Clark Nourse** wrote that the construction in Middlebury has finally finished and that it looks really great. The residents are thrilled as there are some great improvements in the downtown area and the noise they put up with for so long has finally gone. She said the town looked very festive for Christmastime. Tiffany has taken up quilling, an old art form that is regaining interest. It consists of rolling very narrow strips of paper into small coils and then using them to form the chosen design. Tiffany said that there are demonstrations that show different ways to use them, how they are made, and what they can be used for. Many people sell them at fairs or even in retail stores. Tiffany says she has not yet mastered the more elaborate designs. She sent me a card she had made, and it is beautiful. With my arthritic fingers, I could not possibly do the designs. Tiffany and I are both deaf and do not function well in a conversation involving more than four or five persons. After two hearing tests, her doctor told her that her hearing loss was "moderate to profound." She doesn't really know what that means. • **Frances Swain Moretti** hopes to join other '47ers at our 75th Reunion in June, "all conditions permitting." At our 70th, there were only five people present, but we hope we can outnumber that at our 75th. She is doing well but is tired of isolation and the virus. She doesn't like the digital age and doesn't do email where the human voice is replaced by a button. She prefers people to call her by phone or send her a personal letter that has a pleasant personal feel to it. We talked a lot about our country and the current political picture. We both think that our politicians on both sides of the aisle need to stop thinking about personal gain and think about what is good for the country. She said she would like to live long enough to see a more positive picture, but given that we are all in our 90s, who knows? • **Natalie Simpson MacDonald** is living in Florida. She has an old house that was left to her husband, which she has renovated. She spends four to six months there each winter to avoid the cold and the snow. The area was once owned by Exxon Mobil but in about 1996, they turned it over to the people who lived there. Over the years, Natalie has had six to seven horses and was especially fond of her last one, as it was a special one and she loved to ride it. One day she dressed for riding only to find that the horse had fallen in its stall and both front legs were terribly swollen. She had that tended to but after that, the horse had to be hand walked and eventually had to be put down. That marked the end of her riding. Natalie broke her hip about a year ago and has had a hard time walking and cannot play golf or ride, her two favorite pastimes. Like so many in our class, the pandemic has made a big difference in her lifestyle. As they are presently experiencing an upsurge in the virus, she is careful where she goes and with whom she spends time. She is hoping to attend our 75th Reunion and is looking forward to greeting classmates. She asked how many of us are still alive. According to my telephone records, we number 27. • I would appreciate it if all of you would send me your current email addresses and update mailing addresses and phone numbers. I generally prefer to call people but now that I belong to the "What?" generation, I do not always hear clearly. Yes, I have a hearing aid, but cannot decide if it is a help or a hinderance. I hope to see you at the 75th.
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We would love to hear how you are doing! Hopefully you are enjoying spring and are healthy.
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As I write this, we are still living with restrictions because of COVID. I hope you are all well and that soon we will be living the "new normal." • During the winter, **Joan Macklaier Birkett** reported, "In Invermere it has been mostly below zero and very icy and snowing almost every day. My home feels like the igloo I was in at the Arctic when working

for children's television shows after I left Middlebury. I send wishes that COVID will end soon along with vaccines. I also send wishes of good health to all my now old friends." • **Roly Coates** wrote, "I owe a lot to Middlebury, but I missed out on a lot, too. I was accepted in my sophomore year and was married in my last two. One of the fun things I did was play bass drum in the marching band. As we were marching down the field during the halftime of a football game, I decided to have some fun and play the off off beat for a few measures. A few members of the band looked over, but all the peck horns turned around and were angry. They depended on the on beat and it threw them off. They got over it (I hope!)." From their Christmas letter came this information: "Despite Roly's best efforts in physical therapy, his back pain and age are contributing to an unsteady gait, so he now finds it advisable to use a walker for transport assistance. We might say he is somewhat unbalanced, but we've known that for years." • **Cristina Schweiker Herrlich** wrote that life has improved since we are somewhat out of the pandemic, and it is wonderful to be with friends again, although they continue to be careful. She swims four times a week, which helps both physically and mentally. Volunteer work, which took up a great deal of her time, is still on hold. Her children are fine, and she sees them about once a month. They are four hours away. She spent Thanksgiving week with them in Nashua, N.H., and Boston and was planning to do the same at Christmas. As Cristina wrote, "I feel so fortunate to still enjoy life. It isn't always easy to be in one's 90s, though, is it?" That is so true! • My (**Lee**) son, Scott, and daughter, Carol, reminded me that they had never seen the Middlebury campus. So I was very happy to take care of that since we were at our time-share in Massachusetts in January. We drove up and did a campus tour. It is still the most beautiful campus I have ever seen. The students we encountered were all very friendly, helpful, and polite (just as we were). It brought back such wonderful memories. **Bill Deming** joined us for dinner. He is keeping busy and seems to be doing well. He also picked up for me the magazine, *The Middlebury Campus: A Year In*. This was published March 10, 2021, and is full of the events and recollections following the closing of the College on March 10, 2020, due to the pandemic. It is really a historic publication. As it says, "Treat this magazine as a time capsule—and as a commemoration—of a moment unlike any we've lived through before." • I was hoping we might have a Reunion a year late, but I haven't heard of it happening. So we have to keep in touch electronically. I hope to hear from more of you! Stay well. Enjoy the privileges of old age (whatever they may be). Best wishes, **Lee**.

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REUNION CLASS In the fall of 1948 we all arrived to start our freshman year at Middlebury. Seventy-four years later some of us will be going back again for Reunion, June 10–12. It is an OCCASION, but one that holds mixed emotions. There is the obvious joy of being able to get back, given that as survivors, most of us are 90 or more, but there is also nostalgia and sadness in the mixture, and I for one find myself remembering specific friends now gone. **Lynn McMillen** and I remained close throughout her life. I've never forgotten my happy times with **Bert Rathburn** or his sidekicks **Bobby Stalker** and **Steve Baker**. And, at this moment, I can relive tearing down the mountain from a spring cookout at Bread Loaf in **Dick Day**'s crowded convertible. And no one of us could forget **Bill Trask** in his four-season white T-shirt. Happily, I'm still in touch with **Marie Cavanaugh Frink**, **Di Buchanan Meyer**, **Mary Halsted Francoeur**, and, of course, the still-effervescent **Sally Baldwin Utiger**, who has worked hard, along with **Shirley Herrman Andrews** to help put the coming Reunion together. So, join those who return in a mood of joyous nostalgia, and if you cannot, at least send word of how you are. Best regards, Peanuts.

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Oh joy. I received my first contribution to these notes from **Alan Kimbell**, who reports that "life in the Heartland is good." The Kimbells divide their time between Indianapolis (i.e., the Heartland) and Door County, Wis., a gathering place for the extended Kimbell family of two sons and spouses and four grandchildren. Alan keeps in shape these days by swimming laps in a local, presumably indoor, pool. As a bonus (this job has its perks), Alan sent me a picture of the two of us taken in 1953 during our Army basic training at Fort Dix in New Jersey. • **Edward Perrin** has been hanging out in Seattle for many years and refused to leave after retiring in 1998 as a professor at the Univ. of Washington, where among other things, he was the founding chairman of the Department of Biostatistics. His many accomplishments in the public health field are too numerous to mention, but they include a three-year stint in Washington, D.C., as director of the National Center for Health Statistics and an extended period of lecturing in China. Ed and wife Carol always spent several months in Hawaii for the past 15 years and managed to do it despite the pandemic last year. But, alas, the Perrins won't be returning to their favorite place again. Travel plans this year include a cruise and a rail trip. • **Sarah Pettibone Dabney** decamped from Middlebury after her junior year and got her undergraduate degree from Columbia Univ. These days, after a career in social work (with a PhD in literature along the way), Sarah is at the family farm on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Sarah's husband, Lewis, died in 2015, but her son and two grandchildren are somewhat nearby in Washington, D.C., while her daughter and two other grandchildren are in not-so-nearby Brooklyn, N.Y. • I'm sorry to report that **Helen Chase Pyke** died on New Year's Day this year. A Vermont native, Helen had a lifelong interest in astrology and palmistry and lived since 1982 in East Enosburg, Vt. Her husband, **Taylor Pyke**, a classmate at Middlebury, died in 2011.

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REUNION 2022

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Correspondent **Julie Howard Parker** reports: Well, my dear classmates, I need to chat with you alone this time around as my partner **Tom Ryan** has had major back surgery. He sent me a pic of his incision "from guggle to zatch," an expression unfamiliar to me, so he looked up its originator—James Thurber in *The Thirteen Clocks*. That incision looked like a 13-inch zipper! • I picked up the phone and to my surprised delight, got **Carol Anderson Gwatkin**'s helper. With a little effort, giving my name as Julie Howard and my connection as Middlebury College, Carol came on the phone. We had a great conversation. First, she told me Bill died last year and it made life hard for her. Then she said she had three daughters (as we do) so that was a fun topic to explore. Her youngest daughter, Claire, is a Middlebury graduate, Class of 1988, and lives in Virginia. • I try to keep an eye on us Californians. One, **Sheila Collins**, lives on Geary Blvd in San Francisco, so she would be a great source of city news. I will write her. • I left a message for **Sally Green Risberg**, whose answering machine voice sounded full of warmth and energy. Maybe she will call me back. • Then I called **Nan Wright Reuther** and had a really good conversation. She, like many of us, has a family member who loves Trump. We all need to be aware of Braver Angels, a nonprofit that is trying to help us gain skills to be better listeners and find common ground with those whose views differ radically from ours. Nan had an early tragedy when her son was killed at age 22 in an auto accident. From my view, losing a child is about the toughest passage anyone can go through. • **Gerald Briggs** sends photos of Paris life quite regularly. He was in a wheelchair briefly but seems to have bounced back. He sent a picture of the March 14th cover of the *New Yorker*, with a

tiny Zelensky waving the Ukraine flag against a background of gloom and gray. Our daughter brought us a little yellow and blue flag, which we have staked next to our mailbox. We could all wear army green T-shirts in solidarity and send big bucks if possible. We support CARE, UNHCR, and Red Cross as best we can. • Some of us have or are awaiting a great-grandchild. This is good news because the birthrate is sinking fast; our young couples prefer dogs to offspring! When I see a stroller on our daily walks, I get excited, but half the time a small dog sits in it, suited up. **Peter Parker** and I are really excited about our wee Andreas, born last September. He is the most photographed babe ever; his father, Gabriel, our daughter Carolie's son, sends us a barrage of pictures weekly if not daily. • And **Barbara Slate Abbott** is awaiting one in August. I enjoy an occasional chat with Barbara, because she was a language major as I was, and loves French even more than the Russian she majored in. She and her mate are well vaccinated and very careful since they have medical issues as most of us do nearing 90. Many of their family live nearby (in Rochester, N.Y.) and are doing well; some are still working from home, some in graduate schools. These are probably grandchildren. Barbara closed with a French *au revoir*: "*Je n'ai pas d'occasion de parler français mais je continue à écrire aux correspondantes en France. Merci de m'avoir contactée. J'attends avec plaisir vos nouvelles*." • We are always in touch with **Lois Wanstall Kaufmann**, who reports happily that her retirement facility in Middlebury has had no COVID outbreak, and life and trips are opening up a little after a long two-year shutdown. • **Peter Neisser** always sends detailed Christmas news, and this year it differed somewhat. "No cruises, flights, travels, or foreign lands to report for 2021," he writes. He is thankful for Zoom, as many of us are. He has FOUR great-grandchildren in Austin, Texas. Peter's great partner, Sandra Ruehlow, who came to Midd's Reunions with him more than once, has left Belmont, where she lived with Peter, to find a home nearer to medical care for a condition she has struggled with throughout life. Peter is writing a memoir primarily for "the kids" and recommends writing as the process of recollection is entertaining. • I recommend memoir as well, as I am finishing one, to be titled *Sacred Flaw* or *Love and Seven Dyings*. Mine is the story of "mental illness as a heroine's journey," slowly discovering that the dread setbacks and relapses that occur are essential to the healing process, though so discouraging they "blast the ego." Alas, our ego needs to be blasted if we are to come close to enlightenment. I also have a fun blog: juliejotsbonjour.com. I reveal all my flaws as a child—I was often devilish! • As class correspondent, I have three choices to try to reach you: email, phone, or mailing address. We are about 116 in number, having lost some dear classmates recently: **Mary-Louise Bayles Wyckoff**, **George Atwell**, and **Richard Stoehr**. We are all 90 or approaching it! So the fact 116 of us are alive, and well to some extent, is a great thing since we numbered about 390 at the outset. I am going to reach out all three ways, and I MOST want to hear from you whom I may not have known well at Middlebury. You are all treasures. Growing more so every day! • Another call I made was to **Ferd Wyckoff,** who called me back from Kennebunkport, Maine. He told me he was beside **Mary-Louise** when she died quietly. He remembered the many great trips they had taken together, and one of their first was their honeymoon to Bermuda, where they ran into two other Midd classmate couples, all Midd grads as well, Dick '51 and **Gwynne Butters Troy**, and **Chuck** and **Ann Heath Fay**. Ferd plans to leave Maine in June and move to Connecticut to be closer to his son. Ferd has a great-granddaughter, three years old.

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Five men responded to my requests for news but not a single woman. So, from now on I'll continue to contact the men for updates, but the women should find someone to speak for them. • **Stu Bacon** wrote, "Not much to report," but he did say that COVID has kept him from any major traveling. However, they did a short trip to the northern Oregon coast, where he has wanted to photograph for some time. Stu has photographed the central and southern coast several times. He added, "It was good to get away if only for a short time. The weather cooperated as stormy skies resulted in better pictures than clear blue ones. Once home my daughter, Cindy, helped to finish my fourth book of pictures. This one was of the ghost town of Bodie, an old mining town east of the Sierra mountains. I've been there many times, sometimes alone or with a photo workshop. The advantage of the workshop was that we were able to enter all the buildings and take pictures of the interiors, so I have numerous pictures to choose from. Cindy and I laid out the pages, then using the Shutterfly design for each page, we finished the job, got a sample printed, and then printed enough copies for friends and relatives. When the books arrived, Cindy took one look at them and asked, 'What's the next subject, Dad?'" So, Stu, how do we get copies of your books? • **Ev MacAskill** reports that he sold his Harley a year ago, and after 35 years, "got out of the boating experience last February." He managed to avoid the virus and added, "I hope everyone stays healthy." In my email to everyone I shared "Earth's Population Statistics in Perspective," which noted, "Amongst 100 persons in the world, only eight live or exceed the age of 65." Ev responded, "I'm sure everyone is happy to be one of eight." He added the saying, "It's better to be looking down at the grass than up at it." • **John Von Hartz** said, "Thanks for sending this, John. Interesting way to present statistics. Makes us educated Americans realize how blessed we are." • In response to another one I sent, "A little levity," **Bruce Byers** loved each one! **Alli Lank** said, "Interesting stats and thanks for the levity." • When asked how I am, my usual answer is "so far so good." I'll just offer one item: Anyone who took Paul Cubeta's Shakespeare course might check my Zoom presentation hosted by the Kent Memorial Library. It has been visited by over 10,000 viewers. Curious? Just Google "John Milnes Baker Shakespeare."

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Thanks to **Mo Mower Tasse** for being the super organizer she is, a mini-reunion drawing 16 of us took place in early November under perfect weather in Stockbridge, Mass. The site that Mo located was a beautifully furnished Victorian just a short walk from downtown Stockbridge. Should there be a call for another mini-reunion in the next year or two, it seems very likely that the same Victorian might well be the favored choice. The house had just about everything one might want to find in a rental: many bedrooms, a spacious kitchen with a large kitchen table around which many people could sit, a formal dining room, and a large living room where people chatted and where the entertainment took place. A big added bonus was that this property was just a 15-minute drive from **Ned** and Ellie Maier '57 **MacDowell**'s Berkshire home, to which we were all invited one day. We were not lacking for food. **Sally Thomson Clark** brought two casseroles, Mo provided a breakfast casserole for another day, Nancy and **Bill Willetts** provided deli food for luncheon sandwiches, and **Joanie Mackinnon Houghton** cooked up chili for our final night together. Others brought wine and hors d'oeuvres. One night we had a sing-along led by Ned. The following night we were entertained by **Di Shulman**. In addition to those already mentioned, other participants were **Marjorie Robbins** and her partner, Dennis Howe, **Mark Benz**, **Jeanne Savoye Breeden**, **Adele Parker Rodbell**, **Lucy Boyd Littlefield**, and Peg and **Stan Hayward**. We all had a great time! Kudos to all who came but most especially to Mo! • As is becoming all too frequent, we learned of two class members who passed away this fall, **Pete Greenman** in October and **Win Sturtevant** in November. **Vernon Gray** writes, "Pete was a good classmate, a good fraternity brother, and a great guy all around—outgoing, thoughtful, and caring. He was always interesting to talk with and to be around." **Mike Podell** adds, "Pete was a nice, nice guy. I remember first meeting him at early football practice freshman year, when we were bedded on cots over the old gym. He was reading a letter from his father and commenting out loud. We became fast friends then and stayed friends through our college years." Missing from any account that **Pete Greenman** wrote about his life is mention of the extensive volunteer work that he did after he

and wife **Sandy (Harden)** moved to Block Island, R.I., in 1994. How did they get there? By chance they happened to bike on the island in 1975 and were so taken that they never went anywhere else; so in 1982 they bought an old house as an investment. Meanwhile they were both still working, Peter as the chief accounting officer and comptroller with the 21st largest bank in the U.S., and Sandy as head of the Social Services Dept. at the largest nursing home in Massachusetts. Their lives changed greatly after they retired and moved to Block Island. They very quickly became involved in island life and island causes. Peter coordinated blood drives every year to the end of his life. For more than 20 years Peter "marched" with Adrian's Army, helping to maintain Block Island's Greenway trails. Similarly, he gave his time, energy, and resources in supporting Block Island's volunteer fire department, the historical society, and many other local causes. When Sandy learned that she had Alzheimer's, Pete became driven and organized the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" to honor Sandy. In 2020, Pete was the number one fundraiser for Alzheimer's in Rhode Island and in the top 100 nationwide. • **Bill Willetts** recalls **Win Sturtevant**: "I don't have adequate memories other than he served a term as president of ATO and I admired the job he did. My memories of him are all pleasant and I considered him always, a friend." **Alan Entine** writes, "I'm sorry to learn of Win's passing and thank you for informing me about this sad event." **Pete Storms** recollects, "Win was my roommate senior year but we lost contact after graduation, and the only other information I had on him was his address connected with a Reunion." **Pete Orvis** writes, "I have little to add other than Win enjoyed our ATO beer kegs every Friday night, a campaign pledge I made to the guys to be elected social chairman—for three years! CeCe and I enjoyed Barbara Sturtevant very much!" In the past nine years I (**Stan**) have come to know and appreciate Win and Barbara, who moved to Rogue Valley Manor (RVM) in 2009, three years before Peg and I did. I remember Win as a jolly person who had a great laugh and was very likable, as his ATO brothers could attest, electing him VP in his senior year. Win and Barbara met in 1955 when she was a sophomore at Connecticut College, and they got married in July 1957, very soon after she graduated. Win was already serving as a commissioned officer in the USN on a destroyer based in Newport, R.I., very close to where Barb grew up in Fall River, Mass. It was during that time that their first son, Ty, was born. Upon completing his duty with the USN in 1960, Win and Barbara made a major decision by moving west, first to Portland, Ore., for two years, followed by two years in Bellevue, Wash., where their second son, Alan, was born. Two years later they moved to the Bay Area (Palo Alto and Mountain View). Win held sales and marketing management positions variously with Masland Carpets, KH Building and Supply, Peterbilt, and an emerging cell phone company when cell phones were very new. He retired in 1990. He and Barbara continued to live on the Peninsula until they moved to RVM in 2009, where they quickly became involved in RVM's annual Big Sale, the proceeds going to support the RVM Foundation. Both Win and Barbara greatly enjoyed playing bridge and golf plus traveling abroad. Together they went to more than 50 countries, especially enjoying wildlife and adventure trips to the Galápagos, the Arctic, and Antarctica. Win also had a passion for reading. His favorite books were historical novels about sailing ships, plus those on naval history through today. Win was an avid collector, collecting anything that took his fancy: coins, stamps, golf balls, match books, military badges, and more! His best collection was more than 60 sterling silver match safes circa the late 1800s into the early 1900s. • Memories of **Mona Meyers Wheatley**, **Bob Gilmore**, and **Bob Vuillet** will appear in the summer issue. Keep the news to share coming.

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REUNION CLASS We've found some Midd families. **Pat Judah Palmer**'s two daughters are Midd alums: Susan majored in English and was in the Class of '89. Sandy majored in psychology and sociology/anthropology and remained an extra semester to get her education degree, graduating in '92. • **Betsy Mathewson Bailey**'s sister, Ellen Mathewson Nichols '60, transferred to Midd from Mills College in California in 1958. Betsy must have done a fine PR job! Michael Bailey, Betsy's eldest, Class of '81, geology major, is a civilian geologist with the Army in Omaha, cleaning Superfund sites in various states. A grandson, Samuel Wright '24, is inclining toward a science major. Betsy reported on his highly appropriate activity when these notes were written in the winter—he was using winter term to take skiing lessons. • **Pam Clark** married **Wayne Reilly** and their son, Stephen Reilly, followed his parents, graduating from Midd in 1986. Pam's first cousin, Douglas Rhett, must have heard good reports as he chose to join the Class of 1965. This note taker is hoping classmates will respond with a list of their family members who are Midd alums or current students. We have also discovered at least one professor. • We were saddened to learn of **Bob Burington**'s passing in January. Five years ago, he happily shared the work he was doing on the newspaper at his senior facility. • We hope you plan to come to Reunion, June 10–12. Our Class of '57 Zoom meetings continue, and we encourage you join us. If you hope to come to Reunion, this will give you a start on renewing or making friendships. To get the link, email patjpalmer@gmail.com. Its longevity is at least until Reunion. Much of recent Zoom conversation was on the astounding $25 million gift to the College for what is hoped to be a new area of discipline dedicated to conflict transformation. This is surely needed now. It is named for Kathryn Wasserman Davis, Russian scholar. It's envisioned to involve all departments in all of the far-flung Middlebury affiliates. The Faculty at Home series was also enthusiastically supported by Zoomers. • Vermont weather report in March: sunny days cleared the lawns of snow. Then, we got another reminder of winter with more snow. Memories persist of a May snowstorm some years ago and driving south from Burlington was a challenge. However, we can safely guarantee that June Reunion time will involve no skiing activities. The Alumni Office will send the important "what to do" information about Reunion. Don't forget: Reunion weekend is June 10 to 12!

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Registration is open until May 15 for Reunion 2022! For classes ending in 2 or 7, we look forward to welcoming you back to Vermont June 10–12. Visit our website for more details on events, registration, and COVID-19 protocols: **go.middlebury.edu/reunion**.

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Seven years! At our age that seems like a lifetime. It is, however, how long **Mary Daniels Jones** served as our '58 class correspondent, responsible for our class notes in *Middlebury Magazine*. Mary has decided to step down from this exalted position. She has a new activity—making puppets, which are in great demand at a local craft shop. That's good news for her and sad for us. For those of you who loyally read these notes, why not send her a quick note of appreciation either at mimi.jones.1@hotmail.com or 4011 Norseman Loop, Unit 1, Southport, NC 28461. • What do we do now? Not long ago I participated in a panel discussion where we were asked "What do you like about being your current age?" An interesting question! My answer was "I like being able to say 'NO' to something without feeling guilty." I'm not sure that would apply if I said I was stepping down from this position—I do look forward to reading class notes and would like to keep them going. If one of you will volunteer to partner with me, I will continue and look forward to working with you as a team. Someone, please say "Yes."

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Roger Miller finally got on the boards the first week in January. Due to COVID restrictions, he was only able to ski seven days last season so he was hopeful to break that dismal

record. One of the advantages of getting older, the Epic Ski Pass offers a "Super Senior" season's pass which is half the price of a day ticket. He and Judi planned to spend seven weeks in Englewood, Fla., starting in mid-March with plans for lots of fishing and boating. He says, "My best to all '59 classmates." • **Ren Curry** hosted a New Year's Eve party with a requirement that all attendees be tested beforehand. All negative. "And guess who came down with a cold which got worse for three days? Yes, was me, which was confirmed on day six as COVID. Not the right way to issue in the New Year!" • **Charlie Davis** turned the BIG 85 on a weekend in northern Idaho with temps at minus 15, and it reminded him of Vermont winters. Unfortunately, flights were canceled for Christmas so no grandchildren and no ski vacation. "I'm still playing tennis, and cooking and gardening. We hope to spend time in Cancun in January. Crazy world in which Boise State had to cancel a football Bowl game and two basketball games, but we could celebrate New Year's Eve at Eastern time and go to bed." • **Dick Krasker** says, "Our family was here for Thanksgiving and again for a few days after Christmas so we feel a bit more normal. Still hope to get back for Reunion in 2024." (Correspondent note: Love that spirit!) • **Dean Beyer** reports that he and Gretchen are both doing OK but not getting out very much. Thank goodness for sports, Netflix, and other shows. Dean and **Andy Montgomery** enjoyed a recently found article written by Ted Buhl '60 on the successes ATO had in intramurals our senior year. • **Bill Hahn** and wife Mary Jane celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently; they honeymooned on Anna Maria Island, Fla., and now make it their winter home. They admit to five grandchildren who have all graduated from college and reside in Maryland and Florida. No greats—yet! • **Fred Swan** and wife Pat enjoyed the holidays with sons, Peter and Eric, and their wives. • **Dick Hofmann** stated that in January he was usually packing his bags to fly to Argentina, but under existing circumstances, found it wiser to stay put. "Same goes for my annual trips to Germany. As far as the political situation in this country is concerned, it is hopeless, but not serious, so enjoy what life has to offer." • **Don Freeman** and wife Margaret celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, delayed by COVID for a year. • **Paul Fitzgerald** was in the Bahamas in January, chasing bonefish with some success. • Joy and **Andy Montgomery** enjoyed a 12-day October cruise along the north shore of the Mediterranean (Barcelona to Venice), celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Left the tundra in early January and drove to Florida with three stops: Mt. Vernon, Alpharetta, Ga., and Vero Beach, Fla. Final destination was Boca Raton for three months. • We're sorry to have to report some classmate deaths: **Sue Wallace** and **Robert Brower** passed away in October 2021, and **Bruce Phinney** and **Otis Smith** passed away in December. • Check out a mini-reunion photo on page 65.

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Many classmates sent holiday cards to Jean, our correspondent emerita, with thanks for her long and impressive tenure. Their news will be shared in this issue as well as the next one. • **Sally Giguere Giglio** and husband Dick checked in from Amherst, Mass., saying it's been a frustrating year, but they have all been vaccinated and have had no COVID cases in their family. They had a busy celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary since they were married on Sally's birthday and Dick's is a week later! One grandson is studying to follow in Sally's footsteps as a school psychologist and two others are applying to college. Sally and Dick enjoy meeting up with Dudley '59 and **Nona Lyons Livingston** when enjoying warm weather in Naples, Fla. • **Jim Barnes** and wife Ruth found it difficult to travel away from home in Glenwood Springs, Colo., for a few weeks during this past summer when huge rockslides, due to the burn scars from wildfires in 2020, closed part of I-70. They are delighted to have their daughters and families all living in the area now. • Pleased that her children and extended families are all living in Montana or nearby Washington, **Jean MacInnes**, in Bozeman, Mont., enjoys walking, x-c skiing, and now biking on her new e-bike! In September she spent several days biking on the wonderful trail system in Jackson Hole and Grand Teton National Park. She feels blessed to live in Montana, the "Last Best Place," and occasionally sees Tony '59 and **Jane Collins Garcia**, who also live there. • Susan and **Sherb Merrill** have relocated from Seattle to Sun Lakes, Ariz., where they're enjoying the warmth of the desert sun. • **Anne Schaefer Camp** is happy to be living near her son, George, and his family and enjoys their visits. She welcomes cards and notes from classmates. Her address is Evergreen Health Care Center, 205 Chestnut Hill Rd., Stafford Springs, CT 06076. • Many classmates commented on the wonderful questions in Jean's Christmas letter. • **Ike Krasts** and Linda are "soldiering on" in Houston. They miss their world travels, granddaughters, and in-person parties, lectures, and activities. "We still go to the gym, exercise in any and every way we can—BUT watch too much television." (You're not alone in that.) • Enjoying retirement, **Lars Carlson** and wife Mary are providing their children and grandchildren with experiences, traveling with them to places they might otherwise never see. They found during these trips that they have been able to spend time focused solely on family and, in particular, on their grandchildren whom they have come to know very well. Other than these trips, he reports, "Life has been good as Mary and I are both healthy and we spend our summers on the shores of Lake Superior in northern Wisconsin and in the winter on the banks of the Myakka river on the west coast of Florida. We kayak, play golf, and of course socialize with friends and family." • Delighted to have two new great-grandchildren in the family, **Anne De Sola Paust** reports, "I'm slowing down but still active in certain circles at my church, the Morristown Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, mostly in environmental and financial issues." • Penny and **Art Myles** moved from their longtime home in Hingham, Mass., up to Cumberland, Maine, in December, where they will be close to two of their children. They are settling into a cottage with room for guests and garden space for dahlias in an age 55+ community. They said a joyful and poignant goodbye to their longtime Hingham home over Thanksgiving with all 25 family members, including 13 grandchildren, in attendance. • We are saddened to report the death of **Dorothy Cattelle,** who died unexpectedly on October 10, 2021, at her home. At Midd Dottie was a member of Alpha Xi Delta, serving as treasurer and vice-president. She was active all four years in the Women's Recreation Assoc., Christian Assoc., and Women's Forum and also participated in Mountain Club and the *Campus*. Dottie received a master's degree from UCLA and taught for several years before entering government service. After retirement she moved to Harpswell, Maine, where she volunteered with Habitat for Humanity as both a builder and supervisor for more than 20 years, and also sang in many choral groups. • Your class correspondents would enjoy hearing from you and sharing your news, so please make a late 2022 resolution to contact us!

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The class notes for the Class of 1961 are taking a break for this issue. Your class correspondent has spent the last few months in rehab recovering from a shattered femur. She expects to return to duties later this spring.

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REUNION CLASS A note came from **Kathy McKinley Harris**: "I was sorry to hear **Phyllis Cole** died last September. She was my roommate sophomore year. She, I remember, was a math major, a good student. She invited me to spend Thanksgiving at her house in Massachusetts that year. I had just finished doing the part of Ariel in *The Tempest* and couldn't face the trip home to Ohio by train. She came from a large family, which was fun for me to be part of. What I remember most is she took me to see the ocean for my first time. Possibly I, with my interest in English, had an influence

on her because one year she took Am lit and I lent her my two volumes of the assigned Am lit anthologies. The last time I saw her at Reunion she very graciously extended an invitation for me to visit." An obituary appears at the end of the class notes. • On a personal note, Kathy writes, "I was asked to be one of three judges of poems submitted to a writing contest open to high school students from the entire state of Vermont. The contest was sponsored by Northern Vermont University and the League of Vermont Writers. We, Skye Jackson, Geof Hewitt, and I, read 51 entries. The young poets as a group showed outstanding courage and honesty. We chose the top three poems. The top poem, 'Iran/Biography of a Town,' stood out. It was an honor to be one of the judges and the experience confirmed my thought that we, thinking we are prolonging their childhood, infantilize our young too long in this country. The other two categories that high school writers could choose to submit to were nonfiction and short story. There were separate judges for those." • The new year brought the sad news of yet another classmate's death. This time it was **Sarah Howland Braddock** who died at the beginning of January after a bout with cancer. Like many Midd students, she was very interested in languages and art crafts. An obituary with more information will appear in a future issue.

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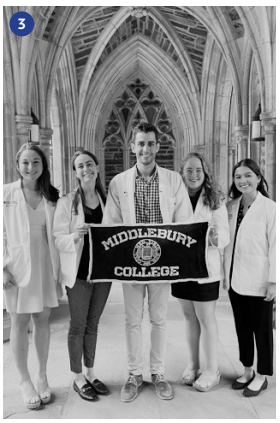
Correspondent **Chris White** reports: I reached out to two dozen classmates via phone and was able to connect with half that. Please help us by making sure your contact info at the College is current. Individually we are all experiencing the challenges of age and health issues. However, these are positively counterbalanced by comings/goings of children, friends, grandchildren, and now great-grandchildren! • **Chuck** and **Sue Handy Burdick** moved in October from Middlebury to a retirement community in Exeter, N.H., where they are neighbors of **Dave Arnold.** Exeter is not far from Hanover, where they have a son and daughter-in-law who are medical doctors there. Sue and Chuck's Middlebury phone numbers still function and they welcome contact. • **Judith Bogert Funderburk** recently celebrated her 55th wedding anniversary in Alexandria, Va., where she is known for her gardening prowess. She truly makes an effort to be an outdoors lady, summers kayaking and in winter cross-country skiing in the Poconos. • **Robert Graham**, in Stamford, Conn., relates that he maintains regular contact with **John Angier**, **Jack Kytle**, and **Sabin Streeter**. Bob is now a Middlebury College trustee emeritus, having served since 1992. We thank him for his stabilizing influence. • **David Heacock** still lives in Gloversville, N.Y., where his ancestors established a glove industry in colonial



1 Denise Schlener '77 and Anne Van Ingen '77 competed in—and completed—the 90-mile Adirondack Canoe Classic: Denise (back) and Anne (front). 2 Members of the Class of 1959 and spouses had another great mini-reunion in Florida: Ginny Bicknell, Bick Bicknell '59, Judy Miller, Roger Miller '59, Bill Hahn '59, Mary Jane Hahn, Dick Hofmann '59, Anne Martin Hartmann '59, Dottie Dever Frost '59, Joy Montgomery, and Andy Montgomery '59. 3 Midd alumni in the medical program at Duke University School of Medicine got together for a photo: Stacy Goins '19, Margaret Weber '18, Diego Galán '14, Emily Goins '17, and Morgan Nakatani '18.5.

4 Vaughn and Heidi Reichenbach Harring '82 were back on campus last October for Fall Family Weekend with their daughters: Vaughn, Alden '22, Piper '25, and Heidi. 5 Friends from 1985 met up at Arlington Raceway on closing weekend: Dale Sailer '85, Laura Sailer, Heather Henderson Palmer '85, and Tom Palmer '85.

times that still exists. He and Corky celebrated their 60th anniversary this past fall. The Heacock children are scattered across the country. They now "sport" 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild! • **Scott Low** called from Palm Beach, Fla. He still advises corporate executives. Hence the name of his company, Bridges. He enjoys winter life in the Palms of Florida and in summer the Pines of Acadia on Mt. Desert Island, Maine. • **Lou McGraw** has moved from Connecticut to Scottsdale, Ariz., where he is happily retired. Lou says he has had very little contact with classmates, and he encourages all of us to concentrate on remaining healthy. • **Dan Phillips** reports from Edina, Minn., that his family has weathered various COVID crises well. He was able to attend **Stephen Wilkerson**'s funeral by Zoom. Dan and his wife have a granddaughter attending Middlebury. • **Ron Prichard** called from Lansdale, Pa., relating that he is very busy with his golf course refurbishment/design work. He does maintain regular contact with **Dates Fryberger**, **Larry Ring**, **Craig Stewart**, and **Charles MacCormack.** So far he has avoided COVID. • From Williamstown, Mass., **Susan Shaw Schneski** reports she is in contact with **Gigi Brown Scriggins** near Spokane, Wash. Susan remains busy attending ZOOM courses. Her Vermont connections continue through her son, who is a professional forester in Guilford, Vt. • **Joel Skodnick**, in Davidson, N.C., relates he has had some contact with **Larry Ring** and so far has avoided COVID. • **Melinda Kernochan Swanson** reports in from Lansdowne, Pa., saying she is very busy at a job she loves as director of an English as a second language program headquartered in Philadelphia, which supports immigrants from Latin America. • **Barry White** is enjoying retirement and golf in and around Richmond, Va. Last summer he escaped to Corea, Maine, for a bit and plans on a similar venture in 2022. • Yours truly, **Chris White,** reports from Bucksport, Maine, that I am doing the same things I always seem to be doing this time of year—healing from a winter fall. In closing, there are several thoughts emerging from between the lines I heard in these conversations: 1) We have all benefited from our time in history, particularly at Middlebury where we were part of a very lively community; 2) during the past two years we have pulled through on resilience and have tested tolerance; 3) health and aging issues are coming to the front; 4) we are very concerned about hunger worldwide, global warming, peace/war, divisive U.S. politics, etc.; and 5) this new digital world leaves little time for thought and we are losing a feeling for personal touch with classmates and beyond. It is time for us to really slow down, listen, and seek common ground. • Correspondent **Janie Bachelder Johnson** adds this note: Sadly we announce the passing of **Russell Gladieux**. But not sadly, he had a wonderful life! Some of you may remember his wife, Zenie. Russ was a DKE and their first encounter was at the DKE house where he was working on an amphibious Army vehicle he and his friends had acquired. (Apparently, it's true that they did because this was in the newspaper that carried his obituary!) Anyway, Zenie and a friend who was already dating a DKE were on a bike ride, stopped by to say hello, and the rest is history, as they say. Russ went on to have a fascinating life and career but, more importantly, he was apparently a total success at parenting, not just only his own daughter, Nicole, but several of her friends as well. As a teenager, she and her father started motorcycling together! Just imagine that. And they went on several trips over an extended period of time. Apparently, he wore out three motorcycles—which go a bit faster than an army amphibious vehicle! He and Zenie had an incredible life of worldwide travel—I am sure making lasting friendships along the way. As I read through his remarkable obituary, I could not be sad at all.

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Correspondent **Bob Baskin** reports: First, I'd like to apologize for not being more aggressive recently in reaching out to classmates seeking new news. I hope to do better moving ahead. I'm thankful to Dori for doing a marvelous job on that front. She's covered for me numerous times. The past two years have been challenging for many of us. There have been some terrible losses, but also, many signs of adaptation and courage. As bleak as it may look, I do believe we will get through this. Historians will look back on this period with great interest and some dismay. As for myself, lots of changes happened in 2021. We sold our house in Westport, Conn., and bought a new home in Madison, Conn. I stopped teaching at Staples High School in Westport, began teaching at Daniel Hand High School in Madison, and gained a great-granddaughter, Mia. In 2022, I'll turn 80, celebrate 35 years of marriage with my wife, Christine, see our son, Jake, graduate from Dean College, and watch him continue his professional life as a sports play-by-play commentator. I feel fortunate in that everyone in our family has stayed healthy and my hope is to see many of you at a "normal" Reunion in 2024. • OK, here's the story. Sometime a while back, my muse, **Bob Seeley**, who over the years has suggested classmates with whom I should speak for our class notes, suggested that I give **Eric "Bear" Fuller** a call. Given everything that has been going on in my life recently, I failed to follow up in a timely manner. Scene 2: Sara Marshall, our wonderful contact at *Middlebury Magazine*, sent Dori and me the most recent iteration of our 1964 class list about three weeks ago. Again, I didn't rush to open it, but when I got home from teaching school yesterday, I realized it was about time. When I opened Excel, I went to the column listing our state residences to see who else lives in Connecticut. It turns out that there are 17 Nutmeggers. The column to the left of the states lists municipalities. About a third of the way down I was surprised to see that someone lived in Madison, where my family and I recently moved. Given that my last name begins with a B, meaning I'm generally toward the top of lists, I knew it could not be referring to me. You'll never guess whose name was there. OK, you probably have. It was Eric Fuller. OMG. My typical mode of interviewing classmates is by telephone, but not this time since Eric's wife Linda has invited my wife, Chris, and me over for dinner Friday night. I'm going to get one of my very few face-to-face opportunities. I'll be able to not only hear his words, I'll even be able to check out his body language. How great will that be. Check out the next class notes to find out all the terrific things that have been going on in Eric's life. • Correspondent **Dori Ells Jurgenson** reports: After the October deadline, **Leigh Marr Knox** wrote that she had quite a summer in Oregon. "I had to leave my volunteer hosting because of the Bootleg Fire and then I fell off a cliff on August 29. Amazingly, I only broke one bone (the man who got my chair says he doesn't know how I survived—I actually got caught in bushes/branches about 10 feet down but then I had to *choose* to drop onto the rocks before getting into the river) and it's a story filled with miracles and Good Samaritans (who even kept my dog for over two weeks while I was in the hospital down on the coast!). I had rehab for a couple of weeks then I graduated from Home Health last Thursday. Now I must continue with zillions of exercises and 'listen to my body' and rest." Only one broken bone, but a serious leg injury evidenced by the ER picture she sent! She continues, "At least I haven't been so aware of COVID in the last two months! But I couldn't have visitors in the hospital or rehab and that was a bummer." • Also in November, **Joan Smith** sent an update about her move to California: "At first I volunteered for antiracism work, then with Heartline House for recovery from gender reassignment surgeries, then youth court. In April 2021, I became house manager for Tam House in San Anselmo—21 independent seniors. I shared with the board president, half time. Very challenging, but meaningful as I approach 80! I have two grandkids—Zachary (18) is a freshman at Maine Maritime Academy and Vanessa (born Jacob) is 15 and transitioning while a sophomore in media studies and entrepreneurship at community college. They keep me on my toes, always learning." She suggests an interesting idea—a College-sponsored retreat (Bread Loaf class?) on inspired aging—thoughts? • It was good to hear from **Julie Sage Day**, who says, "**Ian** (**Sanderson**) and I have been sailing around the Chesapeake on our Catalina, *Sally Forth*, and hope to head south in 2022 on the Inland Waterway. It will be an adventure with both my dog

and cat aboard. Feeling very lucky to be together after a 50-year absence and both of us in reasonably good health." • From California, **Jim Doane** writes that he and MaryKay bought a second home in Durham, N.C., to be closer to family. MaryKay's son and his family live about 15 miles away, as does Jim's brother, Fred '66. MaryKay's four siblings all live within a 100-mile radius of Philadelphia. "Now, instead of separate flights from LA to visit family, we try to get all our East Coast visits done from our North Carolina base; the rest of the year is spent in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Our goals this year are to stay healthy (we're both triply vaccinated) and not have any of our stuff burn down!" • **Lans Hays**, responding to my quest for news of exciting adventures, wrote, "Well, I must say zippo. COVID has essentially stopped travel. We get out to our home in Santa Fe a couple of times each year. Otherwise, we are at home with our grandchildren, grateful that we have a good stock of peanut butter and books." In a side note, he also finds the Midd website virtually impenetrable and says, "It's impossible to sign in to find classmates. Or maybe I need one of those grandchildren to outfox the Midd nerds." • A sad note arrived. **Zenie Burnett Gladieux** sent word that husband Russ '63 passed away in November. I sent condolences, and she wrote back, "Yes, life is different now. We would have celebrated our 59th anniversary last week. Still, the COPD was getting much worse and severely limiting his activities. He hated that. I am keeping busy with family and projects with my Kiwanis Club." She plans to remain in her home in Berne, N.Y., with family close by. (For more about Russ, see the 1963 class column.) • **Alice Taliak Imbur** wrote to say, "Have a healthy New Year," and "Thanks for doing the news." I want to say, "You're welcome!" I enjoy hearing from classmates and don't find the job to be time-consuming or difficult. Bob has reached out to individuals for more in-depth reports, too, so it all works. News is always welcome!

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Word has it that a bunch of classmates plan to attend Alumni College over Labor Day Weekend (September 1–4); so, go to go.middlebury.edu/alumnicollege for more information. • In March a mini-reunion was held at the beautiful Long Boat Key, Fla., waterfront home of **Karen "Kutch" Kutchera Sawyer** and her husband, Andy. Attendees included Pam and **Peter Glenn**, **Peter** and Lee Hall '66 **Delfausse**, Dan and **Judy Couperus Stickler**, Kathy and **Peter Holcombe**, and Cy and **"T" Tall.** It was there that we learned that **Peter Glenn** had been elected by the graduating class of Penn State Dickinson Law School to be their Commencement speaker this June. You can see a photo of some sporting members of the group on page 72. • **Fred Eppenberger** left us in January, leaving two children and five grandchildren. A member of Slug and a Junior Fellow while at Midd, Fred graduated from Harvard Law, then spent three years as a military policeman "preventing the North Vietnamese from invading Western Europe." Returning to his native home, he practiced law "divorcing one half of St. Louis from the other." Art, especially the use of rubbings as an art form, and choral music were essential elements throughout his life. He was a longtime member of the St. Louis Carols Association. It has been said that Fred firmly believed that ice cream was one of the major food groups. One of his friends wrote, "Gentleness, kindness and humility were his cardinal qualities."

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Steve Ottaway let us know that **Joan Hartnett Ottaway** died last July of a rare, untreatable neurological condition called corticobasal degeneration that had affected her for six years. According to the *Marin Independent Journal*, Joan had become "one of the nation's greatest runners. Coached by Steve Ottaway, whom she later married, she was named USA Track and Field's 1989 Runner of the Year in the 45–49 age category. She would win that prestigious honor four more times in the 50–54 and 55–59 age divisions, breaking numerous road and track American age records along the way." The *Journal* continues with mention of Joan's gold medals at several international World Veterans Games, the last at 5,000 meters (19:39) in Brisbane in 2001. Steve writes that Joan "chose to end her ordeal while her sister Mary Lou was visiting from Connecticut. I cared for her during the entire period and was with her when she took her last breath. We were together for 32 years. Joan was a truly amazing person, and I treasure our life together. She of all people did not deserve such an ending." • In California, **Jineen Summerton** has felt "a bit bombarded" with all the local climatic issues: wildfires, drought, deluges, and landslides, as well as, of course, COVID. "Some of them touched rather close to home," she says. Jineen's "shining light" is her one-and-only grandson, born on the first day of the pandemic in Sonoma County, March 19, 2020. "He honestly is the happiest child I've ever encountered, and I get to be with him twice a week. How lucky I am that he lives nearby!" Jineen is still working part time, creating wine tour itineraries and acting as a tour guide in Sonoma and Napa. She reports a tourism boom in the last six months, "a welcome relief from the six months prior to that." If anyone needs itinerary assistance in Napa/Sonoma Wine Country, Jineen would be happy to help! • **Peter Kingsley** wrote that he had just gotten around to reading about the virtual 55th Reunion and was now sorry to have missed it but he's glad "so many of us are still alive and kickin', as they say in Maine about lobsters." • We also heard recently from **Rick Smith**. He notes that some health hurdles have kept him off the golf course and staying closer to home. The timeshares he and his wife owned have been sold, but it makes him happy to no longer pay maintenance fees. Rick does stay in touch with classmate **Don Snyder**. • **Al Magary** shared some excerpts from his family's holiday letter. He's grateful for all the people who have kept his family "safe, healthy, fed, and moving throughout the pandemic." In the last nine months, however, he and his wife, Kerstin, have been able to enjoy travels from their base in San Francisco to Idaho, Wyoming, and East Washington (including Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Glacier National Parks) to visit family and friends. More recently, they've visited friends and family in Lake Tahoe, the Sierras, and then home over Tioga Pass with a stop at Yosemite. Back home, Al has been making steady progress on a double, digital, scholarly edition of *Hall's Chronicle* (1550), the 1,309-page account of England 1398–1547, from Richard II's deposition to the death of Henry VIII. Al notes that Shakespeare used *Hall's Chronicle* for four to eight of his history plays and that this will be the first complete edition since 1809. Al's line-by-line transcription is now complete. His next step, a modern-spelling gateway edition with notes, is well underway! • We are happy to share significant news from **Dudley** and **Rita Crocitto King**. They have moved to Mt. Pleasant, S.C. (Charleston area), where they will be closer to family. It goes without saying that downsizing from a large home with its associated memories and gear after 35 years was a monumental planning and execution task! Spring and summer and even into early fall of 2021 saw the sale of the house on Hilton Head Island, S.C., the purchase of a new home in Mt. Pleasant, endless packing chores, and even the launch of some renovation to the new home. Rita points out she would have "unraveled completely" without the assistance of a good friend and helper in the packing-up process. Rita also enclosed a photo of 21 King family members plus one sweet-looking dog taken at the final gathering at their Hilton Head Island home before the move. And, even with an impressive 21 members of the close-knit family, she notes there were still two who had to be absent from the photo! Most of their grandchildren are either now in college or medical school or launched on career paths. They are certainly a fine-looking family! The other side of the photo shows a great picture of Rita and Dudley plus an insert shot of the new home. With their permission, updated contact information for Dudley and Rita is as follows: 1455 Stratton Place, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466; email for both: rkjdk1944@gmail.com; phones: 843-384-4679 (Dudley mobile) and 843-384-9080 (Rita mobile). • Seattle residents and friends **Jane Graham Sutherland** and **Fay Hauberg Page** both shared newsy messages with us. They spend their winters in La Quinta, Calif., where their husbands

1 Emily Read '07 married Harry Just in Charleston, S.C., on October 10, 2021, two years after their originally scheduled wedding date, due to COVID! Family and friends who joined the celebration included Brett Schuster (non-Midd), Rebecca Reingold '07, Nick Hay (non-Midd), Dana Rye '07, the newlyweds, Clark Read '05, Eric Martinez '07, Dominique Martinez (non-Midd), Jennifer Guest '07, Andy Campbell (non-Midd), and Jessica Fox '07. 2 A summer mini-reunion in Maine was enjoyed by a group of Middlebury friends: John Kremer '85.5, Erika Lederman '86, Skip Wyer '83, Beth Dorion Wyer '85, Karin Radasch Maddox '85, and Jeff Maddox '85.

3 Eight friends from the Class of 2000 supported each other during the pandemic through Zoom, including this 100th Friday night call: (clockwise) Anthony D'Avella, Zach Tofias, Marc Zelnick, Pete Winstead, Robb Johnson, and John Richardson. Missing from photo: Andre Duchette and Blake Rutherford. 4 Classmates from 1986 had a mini-reunion in the Pacific Northwest at a beautiful vineyard: John Corcoran, Dirk Jacobs, Don Guidi, and Ceci Thoren Usher and husband Gordon.

play tennis and golf regularly. **Jane**, clearly a sports fan, shared reminiscences with Prue about a University of Washington Huskies football game she and her husband, Bill, attended some years ago in Ann Arbor. Worried about traffic, they left the game five minutes before the end when the Huskies were ahead and about to score again. As they left, they heard "a horrendous cheer" as the Michigan Wolverines scored a goal and went on to win. The Sutherlands still follow both teams, and they cheer for the Wolverines when they aren't playing Seattle! They have grandkids at Michigan State now, so those teams get their support. Jane has written a book that she describes as "not erudite, more along the lines of Indiana Jones." Fully vaccinated, she is looking forward to travel when the current variant of COVID calms down. **Fay** and Nat Page, who have just celebrated their 54th anniversary, spent last winter in La Quinta, "staying home, reading, doing puzzles, and getting take-out from our club's kitchen via golf cart driven to the clubhouse. Nat took long walks on the golf course until the governor allowed people to again play golf." Fay's personal interest has been quilting. She has now made one king-sized quilt for their cottage in Maine, and two queen quilts for their house on Bainbridge Island, near Seattle. One of them, Fay writes, "was based on a mid-century modern design in a book that had no directions! I worked with the Bernina teacher in Palm Desert who enjoyed figuring out how to execute the pattern. Our Bainbridge house was built in 1957 so mid-century!" Fay is also a member of the Seattle Garden Club, the National Society of Colonial Dames, and the board of the Pilchuck Glass School, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Fay's news also includes a diagnosis of Parkinson's and a need for hearing aids. "Ah, the joys of getting old! I have spent some time in doctor's offices and have quite a collection of pills to take every day. Luckily my husband is my Dr. Pill guy who keeps the weekly boxes of pills full for me." Grandchildren Nate (12) and Annabelle (9) keep the Pages engaged. Fay writes, "Nate loves any sport with a ball—soccer, baseball, flag football, basketball, tennis, golf, you name it. He played on an All-Star baseball team last spring and summer. It was fun to see his team get to the district tournament even though they lost. Annabelle is on a rope-skipping team, which shows off her fast feet and jumping techniques. She also loves riding horses at a nearby barn and doing arts and crafts. In the summer they come to our house and swim and play in our pool, play tennis on our court, and beachcomb on the beach." Fay wishes good health and happiness to all. "If you are looking for a warm place to escape the ice, snow, and cold, I recommend Palm Springs! We'll have dinner!"

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REUNION CLASS This is a personal invitation from **Susie Davis Patterson** and **Rich Roller**, your Reunion co-chairs, to join us in Middlebury this June 10–12 to celebrate our time together 55 years ago. Candidly, at this stage in our lives, Reunion is not about meeting class giving goals or even primarily about celebrating the College; rather it is about coming together in a place we shared in common to celebrate each other. We think that by now we have all learned in our lives that the true meaning in and from anything we do comes from relationships. This is true about Reunion as well. We invite you to come to Middlebury to reconnect individually and collectively; to renew and build upon old relationships; to share memories and life stories; and, hopefully, to make new friends and create new relationships. Please join us! And if you haven't registered yet, please note that registration closes on May 15 so register today!

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Lindsay Patterson Allison says it should be over! "We are heading into our second winter on Chappaquiddick. It feels very safe and remote here but very quiet. I go to town to shop about every two weeks and we have a few friends we see who are as careful as we are. We are lucky to have a vacation house with heat, which is secluded and relatively safe. I was wrapping up my real estate business when we left Cambridge on March 10, 2020, and my business partner, Lisa May, is carrying it on. Blake still has a few architectural projects in the works but he, too, is slowing down. He cuts firewood for us to burn, and I work at Mytoi, the Japanese garden where I have volunteered for over 40 years. Our kids are healthy—our Midd grad Morgan '95 is a star in fundraising, funding research to cure Alzheimer's, and she and husband Jon Herman '95 live in Brookline, Mass., with their two boys, Dylan and Jack. Our son, Sam, is wrapping up an MFA in Buffalo." • **Dick McMahon** writes, "This is the first time I have written anything of note to our classmates! Interestingly, though, it still is the first place I go to when I receive the quarterly mag! Thinking back on the years of school—in elementary school we would ride our bikes everywhere in the summertime and go sledding at the nearby reservoir in the winter. As we grew up and went to junior high, we played basketball and threw a taped-together pair of old socks to simulate a football. Girls were out of the question. Then everything changed suddenly when my dad sent me to the all-boys Christian Brothers Academy, and I had to leave behind my childhood friends. While I made new friends at CBA, I unfortunately lost contact with the kids I had played with from kindergarten through ninth grade. These kids meant the world to me in my formative years and I have often wondered what happened to them, whether they succeeded and lived happy lives. Attending Middlebury was, well, a lot different from high school. First of all, I was away from my family for the first time, like almost everyone else. But more importantly, there were coeds, a lot of them, attending my classes and even sitting next to me! If that wasn't unnerving enough, the fall of 1964 was the era of miniskirts! Holy schnikies! How was I supposed to pay attention to the professor? I feel very lucky to have kept in contact with many close friends from college. A primary reason for getting involved with helping to organize some of our class Reunions was because I wanted to see them as well as get to know so many classmates that I now wish I had made the effort to get to know—it's all good!" • **Nancy Brooks Richardson** reports "David '66 continues to slowly recover from a serious bout with cancer. He is becoming more independent and learning to walk again. Next step is to regain his driver's license, so I will lose my job as chauffeur. We and the rest of our family (17 of us) are well—all vaccinated and boostered. In early December I unfortunately slipped on unseen black ice and seriously broke my wrist—my right one of course. I was in a cast for 8–10 weeks. We have become a far-flung international family. Our youngest daughter, her South African husband, and two sons live in Cape Town. Our eldest daughter is engaged to marry a wonderful man from India (second marriage for each). Our oldest granddaughter lives with her Dutch boyfriend in Amsterdam, where she is pursuing a PhD in public health. Our oldest grandson is in the Coast Guard, stationed in Honolulu. The rest of us live in Massachusetts. One grandson is a sophomore at Hobart, and another is a freshman at Dartmouth. We now have family in Asia, Africa, Europe, the mainland U.S., and in the middle of the Pacific. Thank goodness for technology so that we can communicate easily and often." • **Marilyn Simon Margon** says, "Life has been good although recently both our holiday plans and family visitations have been canceled. COVID is jamming around NYC and Arthur got sick and now I am too. At least we only have mild cases. On a happier note, my son and daughter-in-law are proud parents of their first baby—a little girl, Asa. I'm also proud that my daughter Sarah awaits confirmation as the assistant secretary of state for human rights." • **John Morton** writes, "I was surprised and saddened by the news that our classmate and my ski team buddy, **Skip Smith**, had passed away. Thanks to ski team training in the autumn, ski racing all winter, and working in Proctor Hall, we interacted almost daily for four years. Freshman year, Skip was among the few of us shivering in the wind on the trestle of the ski jump, trying to summon the courage to push down the inrun, when we were embarrassed by the coach's eight-year-old daughter, Patty, who asked, 'Are you guys going to check your bindings all afternoon, or are you going to jump?' Skip was also at the Dartmouth Winter Carnival awards banquet as the Carnival Queen stood to present the trophies and Gordie Eaton '62 leaned over toward our freshman team table and whispered, 'You'd better kiss the queen when you accept your prize, or you won't be riding home with us.' The day before the St. Lawrence Winter Carnival, we had completed our inspection of the cross-country course as the daylight faded. We switch-backed up the alpine slope to the knoll of their jump to check in with our coach, Bobo Sheehan, who was standing with St. Lawrence's Bob Axtell. The final few jumpers rocketed past, landing well down the icy outrun. Then, with a grin, Bobo said to us, 'Hey boys, Ax here says you can't make it down the landing hill on your cross-country boards. I bet him you can.' Somehow, we all made it, but agreed we had never been more terrified on skis. I remember Skip as serious, dedicated, hard-working, and at times even intense. But I also remember his face breaking into a big smile and a hearty laugh when something struck him as funny. He put his Middlebury education and Peace Corps experience to good use throughout his life by advising, consulting, and teaching in Africa. One of the highlights for me of our 50th Reunion, back in 2018, was reconnecting with Skip. I was happy to learn that he and his wife had relocated to Middlebury. We anticipated skiing together again at Bread Loaf. Sadly, I've been robbed of that opportunity." • **Terry Flahive** reports, "Bonnie (Williams) '70 and I are fine and happy, just aging a little. I fully retired in January and now really join the 'what do I do today' gang. We are still living in the same house, complaining about the cold weather, but also skiing, walking, cycling, and seeing the grandkids. Hope everyone stays well and safe and vaccinated."

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Correspondent **Anne Harris Onion** reports: Before our last Reunion, I made a serious effort to keep track of who had news in our column and who to reach out to for more. Then Reunion, COVID, etc., etc. That should've given me plenty of time, but... Now we would love to hear from those of us remaining here after THREE QUARTERS of a century. I think often of Mary Oliver's excellent question: "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious Life?" And I am just finishing *Caste*, a book I most wish had been on a syllabus in 1965. What are you doing with your precious lives? What book do you wish you could have read far earlier? Write with your news! Thank you. **Anne**

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Bonnie Williams Flahive sent this reminder: "Remember that we have our postponed 50th Reunion on campus June 5–7. We have some fun activities planned as well as time to talk and catch up with old friends. More details will be coming this spring." Be there or be square! • **Doug Coffin** reported that he and Meg were heading out March 1 from Maine for 10 weeks in their '82 pop-top VW camper for Big Bend, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado. "We need to get back to Maine before all the asparagus is gone. Plus we have gardens to plant, even though we aren't very good gardeners. But we are good travelers! We'll be back in time for our 52nd in Middlebury!" • **Andre McMullen** sent this news on January 14: "Two weeks ago I suffered a stroke and thus it is very unlikely that I will make the 52nd Reunion. In the meantime, I founded the 1970 scholarship fund and would like to see it fully funded." • **Sue Porter Beffel** sent this update: "I'm still living in northern Virginia, near Dulles airport, if you come through! I enjoy four-year-old grandson Owen's visits to Camp Grandma, where we walk in the 'deep woods' (his term) and share comics, books, and art/science projects. I visit my friend Doug regularly, three hours south in coastal Virginia. It's a lovely drive except for traffic on Route 95! COVID has put a halt to my political and most environmental activities—my daughter Amanda and I are fully vaxxed, but she has a weak immune system and Owen's too young to get a shot. I do enjoy family Zooms as well as music Zooms and have tried folk dance Zoom—dancing around the kitchen to music and a caller! Hope by the time this comes out that Omicron will be fading!" • **Sue Ellen Thompson** shared some great news: "For once, I DO have some news: My sixth book of poetry, *Sea Nettles: New & Selected Poems*, has recently been published by Grayson Books. In it are a couple of poems that harken back to Middlebury days, as well as many about mortality, climate change, aging parents, and failed friendships. It's not thematic like my two most recent books (both of which are excerpted in the new volume), but it covers a range of themes with which I've been concerned throughout my writing life. I'm hoping that there might be an opportunity to do a brief reading during our Reunion in June—or at least that copies will be available at the Vermont Bookshop." To see more about her book, visit middleburymagazine.com and look under Review and March/April Editors' Picks. • **Carol Harden** sent this news: "I retired from academia (physical geography) at the University of Tennessee and Alan (Moore) '69 and I moved north to Middlebury in 2015. It's a wonderful town, and I'm happy to be cross-country skiing, hiking, and playing string quartets again here. After a seven-year hiatus from teaching, I accepted the opportunity (a maternity leave) to teach a class (Environmental Change in Latin America) at the College in fall 2021. It was fun—the students were bright, diverse, capable, inquisitive, and grateful for in-person (vaccinated and masked) classes. Just before the fall term ended, I was recruited to teach another class (The Global Environment) this spring. After that, I will re-retire!" • **Jack Rudnick** sent this update: "In my world I have retired the third time. Last summer I retired from Syracuse University College of Law but am staying on as senior advisor to the Innovation Law Center. Retired for me is not a matter of doing nothing but doing something different. Funny, I'm still active and engaged but no regular paycheck and in that context, retirement is overrated. Best part is I don't have to go to meetings. As part of this retirement, I have been planning to move to warmer climes than central New York and landed on Southport, N.C. I have been going down for many years now and started construction on land I bought a few years ago so it is all good and I'm in a good place—wonder how long this will last. The 50th Reunion is coming up and the long-awaited event will be our best 50th ever. See you soon I hope!" • **Jean Rawson** had an eventful 2021: "In May I got a shiny, new titanium hip. Recovery was fast, and it worked like a charm—strong, no pain. In August my two West Coast kids came to visit (the third one lives nearby in Wisconsin). Everyone was vaccinated, and no one got sick. In September I went to Iceland for 10 days on a fiber arts tour with some of my spinning buddies. Scenery gorgeous, sheep and sweaters very fuzzy. In October, the older of my two West Coast children (and her spouse) gave birth to a healthy baby boy. On the same day, the other one and his longtime sweetie (in Denver, actually) announced their engagement. In November, over Thanksgiving, I flew to California to meet my new grandson! So much to be thankful for. Christmas and New Year's I spent with my Wisconsin family, which includes two sweet granddaughters, ages five and two. What a great year in spite of everything! Best wishes to all, and let's keep our fingers crossed for June." • **Gregg Humphrey** shared this news: "The COVID downtime has allowed me to finish a book about the history of the Northeast Harbor Golf Club, where I have been playing and vacationing since I met my wife, Susan '74. It's on the 'quiet side' of Mt. Desert Island, Maine. Meanwhile I have begun another book on the history of golf in Middlebury and had researched up to around 1930 until the College library closed, even for emeritus professors. I hope to continue soon now that access is again open." • Sadly, we need to report the passing of two classmates: **Laurel Drake-Major** died on October 17 in Northampton, Mass. Laurel briefly attended Middlebury and then went on to be one of the first women to graduate from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., in 1971. **Helen Halcomb Moriyama** died in Wellesley, Mass., on October 19. Helen was married to Halley Moriyama for many years. She was the mother of two, and grandmother of three. Helen passed away from lung cancer.

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We are deeply saddened by the death of **Craig Morris** on December 5, 2021. Craig is remembered by many as a talented artist and a gentle soul. **Jim Ouimette** writes, "I met Craig my first week of freshman year in 1967 and have appreciated our friendship ever since. Craig and Mary came to Vermont for our wedding when Barb and I married in 1973, and Craig took school photos of our children in the '80s. Mary and Barb were in two Lyric Theatre musicals together in the 1990s. We all enjoyed the occasional reunions over the years and were delighted when they recently moved back nearby in Vermont. Craig's obituary, written by his family, along with a wonderful slide show, can be found at sullivanfuneralhome.net under Obituaries." • **Brent Seabrook** contributed a memory of Craig the artist. "At Middlebury, I remember Craig as a painter on the other side of the huge first-floor studio in Johnson. I didn't know him as a photographer after Midd, but he did photograph my paintings for my senior thesis. We connected easily at Reunions, and art was always a big part of the connection. We organized a small show of our class's work at our 25th Reunion—but the big reconnection came when we both thought of the art show for our virtual 50th and then made it happen." Brent, an accomplished photographer in his own right, took a driving trip across the country last fall and captured terrific images of places like the soybean fields of Kansas and the Basin and Range country of Nevada. (See brentseabrookphotography.com.) On his way home to Vermont, he stopped in Marfa for art and burritos, then in Austin to visit **Gail Cross Giebink**—a good time. • We checked in again with **Ann Einsiedler Crumb**, who assured us that—as of this writing—all is on track for our in-person class Reunion, scheduled for June 5–7, along with the Class of '70. Ann writes, "We are hoping for good weather and are planning for many events to be held outside. We'll have some programming specific to our class, including a dinner with the president, and other events that will combine with '70. We will be following all College COVID protocols." More details are pending; registration materials were scheduled to go out in March. • As we compile this column in January, we're already hearing from classmates who are looking forward to our June Reunion. **Jim Keyes** writes, "My wife Kim and I, along with our twin sons, David and Jared (both Middlebury Class of 2017), sold our home in Charlotte, Vt., after a 13-year stint there. I'd lived and worked in Vermont for over 30 years and loved it. In the fall of 2019 we moved to New Boston, N.H., and now live on a 12-acre property fronting a five-acre pond, surrounded by 90 acres of conserved forest. The variety of wildlife and birds we see here is off the charts. The Middlebury basketball network, consisting of our class and many others in classes that preceded ours, allows us all to be in constant touch, especially in the basketball season. We are happy here, and I'm hopeful that by early June the waves of

this pandemic will have receded enough to allow all of us in the Class of '71 to get together on campus." • Checking in from the other side of the country, **Sandy McDowell** brought us up-to-date on his life and ongoing Midd connections: "I am currently living in Hailey, Idaho, having moved here 2.583 years ago. My wife Debbie (Francisco) '75 and I moved from Vermont to enjoy an additional 100 days of sun each year. Hailey is high desert, with lots of outdoor activities and resort-like events up in touristy Sun Valley. Our two daughters have recently graduated from college and are on their journey of exploring places to live and places to work. Right now they're considering New York City and Bozeman, Mont., fashion and admin at a fitness club, respectively. In the summer my days are spent playing golf, fly-fishing, hiking, and otherwise goofing off. In the winter I downhill ski at Sun Valley, Nordic ski, play pickleball, and otherwise goof off. After reading academic, technical, and scientific material throughout my career, my goofing off often consists of reading action novels where the bad guys always get a double-tap between the eyes. Among all these summer and winter obligations, I'm also an EMT with Wood River Fire and Rescue. I'm not retired, just working fewer hours, doing something I love, and getting paid minimum wage. Couldn't ask for anything better. If I find myself becoming bored, I get caught up via Zoom with **Bruce Foust**, **Tom Scribner**, **Brian Iggulden**, **Chris Burdge**, **Dave Fox**, **Jim Lombardo**, **Sandy Farrier**, and **Dave Shaw**. Aside from a few crow's feet, they all seem to be in good health and otherwise haven't changed in 50+ years—at least from the neck up. Always good for a few chuckles at each of our expenses, with me perhaps receiving the brunt of it. Last fall I visited Scribner in person to sail the San Juan Islands. With his recent acquisition of a new, larger, more comfortable Beneteau, I hope the witty, charming, intelligent, handsome Scribner invites me out for another sail. We'll see. In the immortal words of Porky Pig, 'That's all folks.'" • **Xenia Urban**'s update began with some somber news: "It is with sadness I write that my life partner of over 25 years, David Ford, died of complications from pneumonia in August 2021. He was my steadfast companion, a man with a strong moral compass, witty, unfailingly honest, and humble. David is missed by his family every day. You can read David's Farewelling Memorial at www.bit.ly/davidkford. I'm grateful that I have the comfort and support of friends and my dear family in Brooklyn and in California. My four grandchildren, from ages six months to four years, bring more joy and love than I ever imagined possible. My home is in Brooklyn, and I spend summer days in the Adirondacks at David's family's lakeside home, the same lake where my family had a home. Being retired has given me the gift of time, and I relish it with leisurely breakfasts, morning meditation, and finally no need to rush. I've been a member of the Brooklyn Community Chorus for 20 years, now on temporary hiatus due to COVID. I subscribe to Kenneth Grahame's quote from *The Wind in the Willows*, 'There is nothing—absolutely nothing—half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.' I'm happiest when on the water, kayaking (where I once encountered whales close-up in Maui), sailing, swimming, or canoeing. My spirit animal is the humpback whale. David left a legacy of helping the environment through his many volunteer hours in Brooklyn's Prospect Park and his Arbor Day tree planting in his Ditmas Park neighborhood. I honor David by helping the environment along the water—cleaning beaches, volunteering for the Billion Oyster Project, and more. Political volunteering is not what I imagined I'd do in retirement, but given the political climate, I feel it's important to do my part. I'm grateful every day for my health, my friends, and my family." • **Sandra Neily** writes from her camp on Moosehead Lake in Maine: "January was an especially cold month that required lots of lugging in firewood and sleeping with my hat on. Having a remote camp on a beautiful lake as my primary home has been an ideal situation during COVID. Much of the East Coast decided Maine was the safest place to be during the pandemic, so husband Bob and I rose at 5:00 a.m. to beat the out-of-staters to the trails and ponds and river pools, where we love to fly-fish together. When I need total peace and quiet, I head up to camp with Raven, our black Lab mix, as my sole companion. (Bob keeps the home fires burning in Wiscasset.) Alone at camp, I work on my third novel while sitting at my mother's antique wooden desk, each day planning a dog hike or a snowshoe trek or a cross-country ski out the back door. In February 2020 Bob and I canceled plans to pick up a used Casita trailer in Florida and fish our way north through the Smokies—too risky, COVID-wise. Instead we shipped the Casita to Maine and hit the road. Towing one's own toilet and peanut butter is another COVID-era side benefit. In August 2020 we spent a great week in the trailer, camped out on Marian Greenberg's lawn in Vergennes. It was sad to be there without the amazing **Peter Quinn**, her late husband, but the three of us ate long dinners together at a table Marian set up in the shade, told stories, and shared lots of laughter as we watched night fall over her fields. In October I was able to visit my two little granddaughters outdoors. Deprived of any normal Halloween, they were delighted when I turned up in a fairy godmother gown, complete with huge wings. I've had long phone sessions with **Karen Lindsay Palmer** and **Mike Welebit**, comparing books we've read and swapping personal stories. I have not been a prolific writer during the pandemic, but before I went in for open-heart surgery to replace a failing valve (October 2021), I wrote enough of my third *A Mystery in Maine* book to pull me back into its story. These characters have been with me for years and are my friends, even when they behave badly. (The dog always behaves badly.) You can find lots of reviews on Amazon, and please consider this an open invitation to call or email me anytime with suggestions, comments, or your own stories about the writing process or forests under siege." • We hope to see you all in June!

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REUNION 2022

Registration is open until May 15 for Reunion 2022! For classes ending in 2 or 7, we look forward to welcoming you back to Vermont June 10–12. Visit our website for more details on events, registration, and COVID-19 protocols: **go.middlebury.edu/reunion**.

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REUNION CLASS Sadly, we learned that classmate **Maia Sampson Michael** passed away on February 1. She was an artist and teacher, whose creative work included sculptural and functional ceramics, book arts, and printmaking. In 1989 Maia was lecturing on art history at the Phillips Collection and teaching ceramic arts at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., when she met her future husband, Daniel Michael, an environmental biologist. After the birth of their daughter, Zoe, they moved to Santa Fe, and she established a teaching studio in their home. Their house was a place for parties devoted to poetry or music, often with a table of materials for guests to try their hand at printmaking or Pysanky eggs. Maia was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011 but continued to work in good spirits despite the side effects of cancer treatment. • In the lead-up to our 50th Reunion, our **Judy McCormack** is starting her cookie-baking marathon. Fellow class correspondent **Jennifer** and I (**Evey**) interviewed Judy about just how she makes all those cookies. She has been making these treats since our '72 graduation for friends' weddings, kids' friends, for her business, and for our Reunions. She often makes 12 kinds. She bakes her cookies one sheet at a time in a regular-sized, traditional oven. For a big event, she spreads the baking over weeks, spending six hours in the kitchen on baking days, then freezing the cookies in advance. But not too far in advance! Finally, she arranges them on her own trays to display them properly. We hope that the story of Judy's cookies entices you and helps you overcome any hesitation about attending our Reunion in June. Do get your reservations in as soon as possible so Judy knows how many cookies to bake. We suggested that she make at least five for each attendee (and five for each significant other)! As a reminder, the LAST DAY to register is May 15, due to COVID protocols/housing/food requirements, etc. See you June 9–12!

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1 A group of 1984 friends held a mini-reunion this past winter, skiing at Breckenridge, Colo., for four days: Anne Chapman, Bill Hathaway, Larry Goldstein, Andy Zehner, Buck Dominick, (second row) Patrick McCormick, Craig Born, Tom Knox, Craig Davis, Mark Ray, Ken Rapuano, (third row) B.J. Paik, Peter Tichansky, Todd Hermanson, David Torres, and Jason Bacon. 2 Friends from the Class of 1980 enjoyed a mini-reunion in Wellfleet, Mass., last October: Ken Shulman, Joe Kinnealey, Steve Ahmann, Robin Putnam Ahmann, and Paul Turco. 3 A group of Midd friends took a trip to Puerto Rico together: Nina Hommel '11, Emily Culp '11, Ryan Kellett '09.5, Sarah Chapin '12, Jared Stensland '11, and Carly Westling '13.

4 Jason Lockhart '05 and Jessica Vogt (Purdue '11) celebrated Wedding 2.0 in Sonoma, Calif., at the Sonoma Golf Club on November 7, 2021. Joining the couple (in front) in the celebration were Conor Sheldon '05.5, Ryan Gillette '08, Thorin Schriber '05, Jamie Wong Larson '06, Jon Larson '06, and Jack Terrett '11. 5 At a Class of 1965 mini-reunion, some friends got together for tennis in Sarasota, Fla.: Pete Holcombe '65, "T" Tall '65, Lee Hall Delfausse '66, and Peter Delfausse '65.

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How lovely to be looking ahead to a celebration! It's time to mark our calendars and begin looking forward to gathering for our 50th Reunion: June 8–11, 2023! This will be a most special time for us, filled with memories and emotions, lots of talking, laughing, and reflecting as we catch ourselves up on our lives since graduation. And your participation is invited in the planning for this event! There are many ways for classmates to be involved in making our 50th successful and fun. Remember reading *Meeting Middstream* in 1998? Add 25 years of life and stories! A group of committed classmates will begin the work this summer to make sure this amazing compilation is completed on time. Please consider helping out on this yearbook committee, to get the ball rolling. Perhaps you'd like to work on the social committee, which organizes the fun—storytelling sessions, class panels, outdoors events and active outings, faculty lectures, musical and artistic happenings, our class memorial service around the tree, and more. The other important area is the fundraising committee, which is also focused on putting the fun in fundraising, as well as raising important funds. If you would like to be part of this team, please let **Lindy** or **Lisa** know of your interest, and we will get it to the College and the skeleton '73 crew that is just beginning to get organized. Thank you! And let's all put the date on our calendars and reach out to friends and classmates to make sure they have the date AND that everyone's correct contact information is updated at the College so that all the communications about 1973's 50th Reunion reach all of us! You can update anytime at go.middlebury.edu/update. And while we're putting in a huge plug for this Reunion, there is another opportunity to get together with classmates, and that is the annual Alumni College. A group of '73 friends have attended and very much recommend it. The date in 2022 is September 1–4. Wouldn't it be a great time to gather for some more 50th-year fun and planning? We're looking forward to sharing memories and stories, as well as information, as this year of celebration evolves.

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Mary Lee-Clark wrote in with an update. "In 2018, I retired from pastoral ministry, the last 23 years in Bennington, Vt. Since then, I've been exploring Conscious Eldering, dabbling in writing a memoir, and, most enjoyably, getting to be 'Emmy' to our two grandchildren—Wilbur (3) and Maggie (5 mos.). They are with my husband, Bruce, and me at least two or three days a week, and, as they say, 'When the student is ready, the teacher will come.' I learn something new every day from these two! Recently, I've been working with our local refugee

resettlement volunteer organization, resettling Afghan refugees in Bennington County. So far two families have moved in, with perhaps three more on the way. It feels like one small way I can make the world a kinder, more hospitable place." • We're sorry to report the death last December of our classmate, **Valerie Mueller Branam**. Valerie lived near Manitowoc, Wis., with her husband of 47 years, Timothy Branum. She homeschooled their four children and later spent wonderful, rewarding time with her 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was also a tireless volunteer with her church and a crisis pregnancy center, the Crossing of Manitowoc. • **Chris Cordy Flanagan** is still enjoying retirement on Hilton Head, S.C., loving the weather and the availability of golfing all year round. She is currently one of the directors of a local soup kitchen, finishing her 10th year of serving lunches to anyone in need of a meal. She says, "Our adult children followed us down to South Carolina, married, and blessed us with two grandchildren, ages seven and three. It truly is a blessing to have them so close and to be so involved in their lives. Although I spent most of my adult life in New England, loving every minute of it, we are truly enjoying a warmer climate in retirement." • After living and farming at the same spot in New Haven, Vt., for 40 years, **Chris** and **Michaela Pontoppidan Granstrom** have sold their business, Lincoln Peak Vineyard, and the farm where they grew the grapes. Michaela retired from teaching five years ago. The vineyard and winery were sold to a nearby winery, and their house was sold separately to a couple who are parents of a Midd alum. Chris and Michaela aren't moving far: they are building their retirement cottage just six miles away, still in the town of New Haven. Their daughter, Sara '07, son-in-law, and three-year-old grandson live just a few miles away in Bristol. Their other daughter, Maren '13, and partner live in Appleton, Maine.

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The easing of the pandemic has occasioned a number of mini-reunions. **Chris Mead** reports on the second revival of an old tradition: "Ski Madness was born in 1976, when 24 kids jammed into a condo for 12 at Mad River Glen, and **Chris Barron** exclaimed, 'It's Ski Madness!' It was a sober and inspired observation. A portion of those followers of Bacchus reconvened from 1980 to 1990 from Snowbird to the former Squaw Valley, until children and careers intervened and forced a brief 26-year hiatus. The party started again in 2016 when **Gail Robinson Mead** noticed the kids were gone, and we gathered at Sugar Bowl, Kitzbühel, Steamboat, and then Big Sky. Then the pandemic. But this past winter we rented a house for 30 in Utah across the street from Brighton and skied Brighton, Solitude, Alta, and Snowbird." Among the participants were **Gail** and **Chris Mead**, **Jill Robinson Haizlip**, **Rick Maeder**, **Kenny Goldman**, **Steve Swalm**, **Roz Walrath**, **Halsted Wheeler**, and associated spouses, familiars, and the next generation at the Crash and Burn Awards Banquet. **Jill Haizlip** was dubbed Queen of the Trees, and **Steve Swalm** King of the Hot Tub." • **Greg Moore** has retired a second time. The first retirement was after 25 years as a medical officer in the Navy and the second one after 17 years in education (Univ. of Kentucky and Georgia Tech). He now spends summers in Addison, Vt., and winters in Atlanta. • After spending most of his career as a journalist with the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*, and then some years as a university vice president heading communications, **Jim Sterngold** now writes books in collaborations with various experts and struggles to outrun cabin fever. He lives not far from New York City in New Jersey. • **Beryn Frank Harty** and husband Rick have been living in the Florida Keys close to Key West since 2007. They spend lots of time boating, some fishing, do lots of nature walks and photography, and work thousands of volunteer hours for a number of nonprofits. She is currently on the board of the Florida Council of the Arts. • **Tina Greenberg Ritari** has had a wonderful life tour of the U.S.: "I have three daughters, ages 36, 36, and 27. As you can tell by the ages, the first two are twins! My youngest is having my first grandchild due at the end of April. She lives in Denver and so does one of the twins, Renee. My other daughter, Amanda, lives in St. Paul, Minn. I have been divorced for 24 wonderful years! After Middlebury I moved back to NYC for a year and then accepted a job in St Paul. I lived there for 20 years. After my divorce, I moved with the girls to Boston and lived there until 2017. I retired in 2017 and moved to Wilmington, N.C. I love retirement!"

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REUNION CLASS So, we are in the final countdown for Reunion, 45 years after our collective departure from the hills of Vermont. I hope to see many of you there in June but if you cannot attend, please send a note to let us know what you have been/currently are up to. Good health and safe travels to all. • Check out a photo of classmates on page 65.

—Class Correspondent: Bob Lindberg (boblindberg1928@gmail.com).

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Walter Burrier says he is still living in Glendale, Calif., and still using his Spanish. He's recently been attending live concerts in small venues and posting heartwarming photos of animals from Earth Unreal on Facebook.

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Please send me your news! I'd love to hear from you.

—Class Correspondent: Henry Heyburn (hrheyburn@hotmail.com).

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Anne Colton Sapp writes, "After the flurry of correspondence, I'll admit I was a bit relieved when our Reunion was postponed. The year of COVID-2020 was a blur—and I am happy to be looking ahead. For our family, COVID was a bit of a gift, as we got to hunker down. The kids came home from college and one spent his summer internship remotely, so we got to be together for a significant stretch of time before losing my husband in October of 2020 (to the other big C). And this past October, amidst an atmospheric river out here in the Bay Area, we had an amazing celebration of life, at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge, with every band he had ever played in (and there were quite a few!). It was phenomenal, loud, with lots of bad dancing, and it felt like the perfect tribute. There were four Midd grads in our family in attendance! I'm at home, enjoying the rain, with my 24-year-old who is still in search of his "real" job (sports management major, will travel!), and now three cats. Our 22-year-old is happily ensconced in Chicago, though we were curious to see how he managed his first real winter. I'm enjoying swimming in the cold Bay (**Robin Bell**, come join me anytime you are out here!) as well as pools, and I'm still working, though much appreciating not having to be in the office at 5:15 a.m. anymore! Last September, I was fortunate enough to get to do a long-postponed sea kayak trip along the Amalfi Coast, culminating in a paddle over to Capri. Amazing views, sunsets, and scenery, and just hearing another language after being sequestered was such a gift." • **Robin Putnam Ahmann** writes, "**Steve** and I still live in our home on Puget Sound in Washington. We are busy with our businesses: Pacific Power Batteries, mini-storage, and commercial real estate and timber properties, so we're not retiring yet. Our son, Travis, works with us. We spend as much time in the mountains and on the water as possible. We made a trip east to see **Ken Shulman**, who splits his time between Cambridge and Wellfleet, Mass., and had a wonderful gathering in Wellfleet with Ken, **Paul Turco**, and **Joe Kinnealey**. Paul and his wife, Helen, drove up from Hartford, Conn., for the weekend. Joe also splits his time between Cape Cod and his home near Boston. There's a lot of semi-retirement." Check out a photo of their mini-reunion on page 72. • **Brian Harvey** reports, "It has been a while since my last update. Post-Pfizer in 2015, I started my own regulatory consulting LLC, giving me the opportunity to choose my own drug development projects, as well as having

flexibility for international travel. My goal has been to gain firsthand understanding of the social and economic factors impacting high-risk geopolitical areas in order to promote understanding and One Health (CDC initiative) solutions. I recently returned from Central Africa, with prepandemic trips to Sudan, South Sudan, Chad, Cameroon, and East Africa. I'm still in the early phases, with much work left to do. Based upon the concept of One Health, I have been involved with several rabies vaccination projects. Thousands of people die from rabies each year around the world. By massive rabies vaccination of dogs, it provides a buffer for people and leads to better treatment of these animals. I am heading to Kenya with Veterinary Treks this June with my wife, Elisa (DVM, PhD). Previous trips included Nepal, Cambodia, and Laos with World Vets prepandemic." • **David McCary** says he hopes his fellow classmates are doing well. He and wife Tina became new grandparents last August when their son and his wife had a happy healthy son (who is already teething at six months). For those who are not in the grandparents club yet, he reports that it's great! David and his wife raised their three kids in West Hartford, Conn., where they have lived since 1987, when he graduated from Tuck and accepted an investment job with Aetna. He now has a wealth management business, which is flexible enough to also run remotely while enjoying family time in Lake Placid and playing at "Iceface." Classmates can reach him via Zoom at calendly.com/david-mccary. • **Stephen Croncota** decided to check in from the Piedmont region. He moved to Italy years ago, becoming the chief marketing officer of Versace, a position he held for six years, launching an Italy-based career in fashion and entertainment. He has decided to remain in Italy and, in a major career pivot, is opening an "Italian Country Inn," Villa Giara, in the Piemonte, a region renowned for wine and truffles. He is excited about his new venture and feeling lucky to live in a gorgeous part of the world. And, he assures us, his villa is just an hour from the Milan, Turin, and Genoa international airports, and an easy day trip from Portofino, Lake Como, and other beautiful spots. He'd love to host Midd friends this summer, or in years to come. Check it out at villagiara.com. • So glad to hear from the classmates who responded to our request for updates. Hope more are inspired to check in and send us their news for the summer edition!

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Peter Herman reports that he is "happy and healthy." He and wife Stefanie now live in Boston near **Michael Price**. Their third-generation insurance business is adding a fourth generation this spring and turns 100 in 2024. He's still skiing and traveling and now playing pickleball. "Family is where it's at!" He adds that one of his kids is in NYC and the other a couple of blocks away. • **Malik Mufti** is a political science professor at Tufts and keeps busy writing and teaching. Daughter Setenay is away in graduate school. Wife Karen and he still live in Boston and stay in touch with some of his Middlebury friends who live in the area. • **Linda Feldmann** was recently interviewed by the *Middlebury Campus* as part of their *Alum Conversation* podcast. The Washington bureau chief of the *Christian Science Monitor,* Linda talked about her time abroad in Moscow as a junior and meeting the Moscow bureau chief and the foreign editor of the *Monitor* at that time. The foreign editor recommended her to be a foreign correspondent and gave her a job offer after college. Check it out on middleburycampus.com.

—Class Correspondent: Alice Tower Knapp (a.knapp.a@gmail.com).

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REUNION CLASS Ruth Oxenberg writes, "I plan on attending our 40th to reunite with old friends and classmates. My life in a nutshell: three kids, the youngest now a senior at UVM, one of the twins working at Alta at the Goldminers Daughter Lodge, and the other based out of D.C. but working remotely for World Resources Institute as a climate policy analyst. I've been married to Rob Schumer for nearly 30 years, living out in the country in New York's Hudson Valley. I made a documentary film called *Bluegrass Journey* (available on Amazon Prime) about the contemporary bluegrass music scene and I host house concerts in our music room." • Heidi Reichenbach Harring says, "I've been so glad to be back at Midd many times during this school year. We have both a freshman and senior so there is lots of Midd talk. We had freshman dropoff and Parent's Weekend, then we skied with them this winter at the Snow Bowl where both are on the ski patrol. Upcoming we have graduation followed by our Reunion (June 10–12). Come back. It should be fun. And none of us have aged." See a photo of Heidi and her family on page 65. • Tom Unger shares, "A Middlebury Dream Revived: Climbing Kilimanjaro. Back in 1981 when I was a junior at Midd, I conjured up a romantic notion of a climb up Tanzania's Mt. Kilimanjaro. At age 21, as a kid raised in the stultifying blandness of New York City's middle-class suburbs and wrapped in the safety of the Vermont hills, I felt an inexplicable need to *do something*. I was an English major; I'd read Hemingway and Tennyson. The special lure of climbing this mountain was indisputable. At 19,341 feet above sea level, Kilimanjaro is the world's tallest and largest freestanding peak. Unlike most of its volcanic cousins elsewhere, Kilimanjaro rises alone from the surrounding plains of East Africa. From its 40-km diameter base in the rainforest 275 miles north-northwest of coastal Dar es Salaam, to its broad glacier-covered cinder cone, called Kibo, Kilimanjaro hosts each of the earth's five major ecological zones. To reach Uhuru Point at Kibo's apex, you climb, quite literally, through every climate found on earth. That junior year fall, with my two dining hall jobs, I scraped together the $150 needed to secure my spot on a friend of a friend's uncle's guided expedition, but then failed to earn the additional $1,350 (plus airfare) in time to pay for the trip. I admitted defeat and sourly put the dream aside—for a little while, I thought—until I could afford it. I planned to work for a year or two after college and then quit and run off to Africa to climb my mountain. Somehow one year became two, and then five, and then 10, and then the decades rolled past as I built a staccato life—a master's degree, a first marriage, law school, three kids, many jobs, a painful divorce (is there any other kind?), a fortuitous remarriage with all of the attendant challenges of a new, blended family, the deaths of my parents, a global pandemic, the inevitable expanding middle-age waistline, and on and on, excuse after excuse. Every now and then I'd think, 'No, really, maybe next year.' Two years ago I decided it would be now instead of never. Except, well, COVID. Now became next year or never. When next year arrived, there was Delta and then Omicron—and supporting the weight of those logistical impediments I began to sense something else that had been at work inside me for a long time, a thing that was so darkly simple it was easy to appease by always waiting until next year: I was afraid. What if it was just too hard? What if I failed? How easy had it become to put off something that might pan out in disappointment? Finally recognizing how simple it was to let fear and age excuse inaction, I pushed ahead and committed. Starting last September, I walked in the Oakland hills near my home. A lot. I carried a 25-pound backpack almost everywhere. I became 'that guy' on the local trails, the eccentric with his floppy hat and his red daypack too full for any normal morning walk. I only told my plan to my kids, my brother, and a few close friends who, I felt, would likely still love me if at my decrepit age the notion of summiting Kilimanjaro turned out to be just plain delusional. I allowed myself to see that this was going to be really hard. And that I could fail. I chose a route that added an extra day for acclimatization. My wife not only tolerated and supported my apparent diversion from reality, she forcibly urged me on. Her belief that I could succeed slowly became my own. It freed me to focus on the task instead of the dream. The task needed *doing*; the dream would have to take care of itself. So: I'm happy to report that, at 9:43 TZ time on the morning of January 17, 2022, after leaving Kibo base camp at 15,500 feet at about half past midnight (we'd hiked there from 12,700 feet earlier that day, then slept for a few hours in advance of the midnight summit push, making our final altitude gain nearly 7,000 feet in 20 hours), this aging Midd alum touched the summit sign at Uhuru Point, 19,341 feet above sea level. My approach was more than labored and less than graceful. I was the last one of our six-person climbing team—and the last climber of the day—to reach the summit. The other five members of our climbing team, four women and one man, were roughly half my age. The always-smiling guides called me Papa Simba or *nguvu babu* (Father Lion or strong grandpa in Swahili). It was without question the single most physically and emotionally daunting thing I have ever tried. Up was insanely hard. Down was an enduring nightmare. Some pertinent stats: Our route was the Northern Circuit, Class 3 hiking interspersed with Class 4 scrambles and a rather terrifying snow cornice traverse between Gilman Point and Stella Point on the final ascent to Uhuru Peak; the expedition length was approximately 60 miles over nine days with a total elevation gain over that time of nearly 16,000 feet and approximately 17,500 feet of total descent; the hiking speed was *polé-polé* (Swahili for 'slowly-slowly'); personnel involved were six clients (average age of 36), three guides, 21 porters, and a cook; number of Snickers Bars eaten—many; time spent on top, 15 minutes—the oxygen level was at 19k or 50 percent of that at sea level. Some critical facts: No one complained. No one quit. Everyone—including the 30-somethings—came face-to-face with their physical limitations and bore the news with humor and grace. Now and then the guides would insist on carrying our backpacks up the interminable switchbacks, and along the slippery descent. We acceded with bruised egos, barely disguised relief, always vastly and openly humbled by their casual unbreakable strength and easy patience—for this old man most of all. Summit climb duration? Nine hours, 13 minutes. *Plus 40 years. 'Have we vanquished an enemy? None but ourselves.'* —George Mallory." • Join the Facebook group—Middlebury College Class of 1982—for updates and to connect with classmates before our 40th Reunion on June 10–12. The Reunion Committee has a lot of fun activities planned for the weekend—you won't want to miss it!

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Mark Ray sent the following note: "In early February, 15 members of the Class of 1984 gathered in Breckenridge, Colo., to celebrate their 60th birthdays on the slopes. Classmate Anne Chapman came over from Aspen one of the days to ski with Bill Hathaway, Larry Goldstein, Andy Zehner, Buck Dominick, Patrick McCormick, Craig Born, Tom Knox, Craig Davis, Ken Rapuano, B.J. Paik, Peter Tichansky, Todd Hermanson, David Torres, Jason Bacon, and me." Check out a photo of the group on page 72. • Congratulations to Craig Mayo, who was recently promoted to senior vice president and chief credit officer at the Sioux City, Iowa-based Security National Bank, where he has worked since April 2021.

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Thanks to Dale Sailer, who has agreed to take over as the class correspondent for 1985. He reports: I'm happy to be back as class correspondent and I want to start by thanking Ruth Lohmann Davis and Denah Lohmann Toupin for their efforts over the last 15+ years in the role. That's a lot of "keeping up" and it's much appreciated. • John Kremer shared that he and wife Erika Lederman '86 have enjoyed a summer trip to Maine for many years with Skip '83 and Beth Dorian Wyer, Jeff and Karin Radasch Maddox, and Jennifer Barth

(Yale) and **Tom Panitz**. You can see a photo of their latest get-together on page 68. John and Erika have lived in London for many years, where John is a partner and head of investor relations for Adams Street Partners. Their son, Henry, graduated from Midd in 2019 along with Jeff and Karin's daughter, Lucy, a year after Skip and Beth's daughter, Isabel, walked the Middlebury Commencement stage. • **Richard Reiner** writes, "I've been continuing to build tech startups (seven of them so far) and had two exits last year (an IoT company, Cybeats, sold to Relay Medical; and a blockchain company, dfuse / StreamingFast, sold to the Graph). I moved back to Montreal last year, where I'm living on the Plateau Mont-Royal with my partner, Marieke, my son, Aeden, and our enormous dog, Kahlo, while my other son, Jake, lives in Toronto with his mother. I've been enjoying the weekly online word games with **Jon Kelly**, **Andy Bell**, **Greg Sullivan,** and other '85ers during the pandemic, and I'm starting to contemplate options for the next big thing." • I caught up with **John Davis** last summer when we attended a Dave Matthews Band concert together at Milwaukee's SummerFest. John works in sales for WTMJ-TV in Milwaukee, where his wife teaches middle school English. His eldest son is a civil engineer designing solar panel projects in Minneapolis, while his youngest graduates from UW-Madison this spring with designs on a PhD. • **Tom** and **Heather Henderson Palmer** still reside in Wilmette, Ill., where Tom has been running his own boutique market research consulting practice for over four years. Heather meanwhile is wrapping up her 16th year teaching middle school French and social studies in Highland Park. We see them regularly, including a day at Arlington Raceway on its closing weekend (see a photo on page 65). Their two boys are in finance and software engineering, respectively. • Sadly, classmate **Peter Clough** passed away on January 21 in suburban Chicago. A lovely memorial service was held a week later for family and local loved ones. There will be a larger Celebration of Life held in Orleans, Mass., on June 4 for those wishing to honor Peter's memory. • Laura and I have called Glenview, Ill., home for over 30 years now. I run the Chicago region for BELFOR Property Restoration while Laura is the CFO of the Executive's Club of Chicago. Our kids are all long gone, the oldest a lawyer in Chicago (thank you Alison Burroughs '83 for being a resource), our daughter happily married and running after-school programs and summer camps for the YWCA of Greater Seattle, and our youngest a management associate with NielsonIQ. If anyone would like to join me in this class correspondent endeavor, please let me or Sara Marshall know (smarshal@middlebury.edu).
—Class Correspondent: Dale Sailer (dalesailer@gmail.com).

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As reported in the winter notes, **John Corcoran** met up with friends in Oregon at a beautiful winery during a trip to the Pacific Northwest to see classmates. Check out a photo on page 68.
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REUNION CLASS **Kimmy Chedel** will not be joining our Reunion at Midd in June. Kimmy will be in Mpumalanga Province, South Africa, building her fifth preschool with her children and their team of volunteers. Kimmy created Team Frank Africa in 2017 to honor her husband, Frank Doyle (Bowdoin College '85), who perished 20 years ago in the 9/11 WTC attacks. As of November 2021, Kimmy began splitting her time between Montreal, Quebec, and Hoedspruit, South Africa. For more information, go to www.teamfrankafrica.org. Kimmy would love to welcome Midd friends who want to help build schools and enjoy South Africa's magnificent BIG FIVE. • We do hope the rest of you can make it to campus June 10–12 for our 35th Reunion! If you haven't registered, be sure to do so before May 15 when registration closes.
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Pam Adelman Ball and **Anise Nassiry Graham** had a fabulous reunion with **Steph Cooper** and her daughter, Louisa, in San Francisco last August. It had been a long time since they had all been together with their daughters in tow. Anise now finally has two good excuses to visit the East Coast more often as one of her twin daughters, Rosella, is a first-year at Middlebury and the other, Natalie, at Tufts! She hopes to cross paths with classmates on either coast soon. **Geoff Coffey** and **Tizz Strachan** also made the bending run for a visit with Steph, who lives in Boston and is the acting commissioner of the Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation. • **Stephen Long**, the longtime president of the Children's Museum of the East End in the Hamptons, has become the executive director of the East Hampton Historical Society. Previously, Stephen was the VP of collections and education for the Lower East Side Tenement Museum in NYC.
—Class Correspondents: Doug Meyer (pdougm@aol.com); Elizabeth Toder (eatoder@gmail.com).

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Send me your news! Classmates want to know what you're up to.
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REUNION CLASS Please send us news about what you have been up to! We'd love to share it with classmates. And we hope you can make it back to Reunion June 10–12! Make sure to register before May 15!
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Congratulations to **Melissa Buck Arndt**, who was recently named the first-ever director of marketing and communications for the Univ. of Maine Cooperative Extension. Besides leading the Extension communications and marketing team, she'll work closely with the Univ. of Maine to strengthen the connection with their communications and marketing division. Melissa is a native of Aroostock County in Maine.
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Please send your news so we can share it with classmates!
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Would anyone like to take over as class correspondents? If so, please contact Sara Marshall, the alumni editor, at smarshal@middlebury.edu. We thank **David** and **Terra** for all their years of service as correspondents!
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Congratulations to **Bina Sasenaraine Baldwin**, who has been promoted to VP and general manager of Nexstars Multicast Networks.
—Class Correspondent: Humberto Garcia-Sjogrim (humbertogs@gmail.com).

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REUNION CLASS **Alexander Lee** has spent the pandemic in China, teaching a variety of English and social studies classes. He was far away from the Olympics, in Guangzhou (née Canton), where his partner and he are "ready with a handshake and an open palm" at their newish Michelin-rated restaurant, Pickmoon Gourmet, and teahouse. He has not yet drunk all the tea in China, but he is on a mission. • First-year roommate? College crush? Athletic teammates? Fellow a cappella group members? Fellow social house members? Library (and we mean the old Starr Library) car-

rel friends? The person you avoided at Proctor dining hall after a late-night dance party? College major study friends? They're all coming back to celebrate 25 years since we graduated Middlebury. Don't miss out on the best weekend in the past 25 years (most certainly in the last two years)! We can't wait to see you at Middlebury June 10–12. There's something for everyone (from Snake Mountain hikes to late-night dance parties!); families welcome. Registration is now open so go to go.middlebury.edu/25threunion and be sure to register before May 15 when it closes!
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Please send us your news! Classmates want to know what you are up to.
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Friends **Samantha Webb Kading**, **Sarah Waybright Barr**, and **Justine Kwiatkowski** have been reflecting daily on the treasure of their Middlebury friendships as they grieve the illness and passing of their beloved

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

ARABIC SCHOOL

Asma Khalid ('06) is a White House correspondent for NPR and cohosts the *NPR Politics Podcast*. She joined NPR's Washington team in 2016 and has reported on numerous election campaigns. Her reporting often dives into the political, cultural, and racial divides in the country.

CHINESE SCHOOL

May-lee Chai ('91) has written a new book of short stories called *Tomorrow in Shanghai and Other Stories*, which will be coming out in August. She is the author of several books of fiction, nonfiction, and translation, and her latest book of short stories, *Useful Phrases for Immigrants*, won a 2019 American Book Award. Her short prose has appeared widely in reviews and other publications, and she has won numerous awards. She is an associate professor of creative writing at San Francisco State Univ.

BREAD LOAF SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Congratulations to **Rick Dalton** (MA '77) who will be awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters by the Univ. of Vermont at its Commencement ceremony this spring. He is the founder of College for Every Student (CFES), now CFES Brilliant Pathways, a national leader in helping underserved students become college and career ready. Besides helping students all over the U.S., CFES has worked with 30 Vermont schools, helping hundreds of students gain admission to UVM and be successful in college. • **Stuart Stevens** (MA '78), an advisor to the Lincoln Project, was a featured speaker at the Drew Univ. Forum lecture series in March. His eighth book is titled *It Was All a Lie: How the Republican Party Became Donald Trump*. He has also written for several dramatic TV series, including *Northern Exposure*, *I'll Fly Away*, and *Commander in Chief*. • **Michael Chesley Johnson** (MA '82) recently published a book titled *Beautiful Landscape Painting Outdoors: Mastering Plein Air*. The book includes the best instruction on the special challenges of painting landscapes outdoors from a variety of the best plein-air artists working today in all major media, including oil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic, and gouache. • After teaching in North Carolina and Virginia, **Marielle Blais** (MA '87) returned to Vermont, where she grew up, in 2001 and eventually taught at Castleton Univ., retiring in 2020. Living in Brandon, Vt., she remains active in politics and community life and serves as the vice chair of the Vermont Progressive Party. • **Tim Lear** (MA '03) has been tapped as the next head of school at Pingry School in Basking Ridge, N.J. An alum of Pingry, he joined the staff as director of college counseling, serving in that role 13 years, before serving a year as dean of college counseling and director of student support services. Since July 2021, he has been the assistant head of school for guidance and student life. • A poem by **Kellam Ayres** (MA '07) titled "Tenement" recently appeared in *Guernica* magazine. Her poems have appeared in *New England Review*, the *Cortland Review*, and the *Collagist*, among others. She was recently awarded a Vermont Arts Council Creation Grant in support of her first manuscript. She works for the College library.

BETTY ASHBURY JONES MA '86 SCHOOL OF FRENCH

Gina Lisi Moore (MA '55) recently celebrated her 100th birthday in Woodstock, Vt., where she lives. According to her many friends, "She is pure joie de vivre and her mind is crystal clear." • For over 30 years, **Joseph Giovannini** (MA '68) has been writing about architecture and design as a critic for major newspapers and magazines all over the U.S. He also heads his own design firm, Giovannini Associates, which recently converted a large trucking warehouse into a community of lofts in LA. He has a new book out from Rizzoli called *Architecture Unbound: A Century of the Disruptive Avant-Garde*. He lives in New York City with wife Christine Pittel and daughter Isabella.

GERMAN SCHOOL

Director of the German School Bettina Matthias sent this message out in February: "The German School mourns the passing of Prof. Jochen Richter, of Meadville, Pa., our former director from 1997 to 2009 and faculty member emeritus of over 30 years. Under his tenure, the school expanded in size, added its prestigious special program for professional singers, changed the graduate program's focus from a purely literature-based curriculum to a wider German studies one, and strengthened collaborations with generous donors such as the Max Kade Foundation in New York and the Zernik family in Pennsylvania. An unassuming and charismatic leader with indefatigable energy and passion for the school and, more importantly, its students, faculty and staff, Jochen Richter left an indelible impression on everyone who met him. Generous, humorous, always calm, and approachable, he and his best friend, former Associate Director Karl Obrath, shaped the German School's academic and social culture for a generation. His humanity and his concern for his friends, colleagues, and students are a legacy to which the German School feels deeply indebted."

SCHOOL OF JAPANESE

Diplomat **Marc Knapper** ('89), a member of the senior foreign service of the U.S. Dept. of State, was serving as deputy assistant secretary for the Republic of Korea and Japan when he was appointed the U.S. ambassador to Vietnam. He's a recipient of the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award, has received a Presidential Meritorious Service Award, and the Dept. of State's Linguist of the Year Award. He speaks Korean, Japanese, and Vietnamese.

MIDDLEBURY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT MONTEREY

Noelle Hollister (MAT '18) helped subtitle for the show *Love Is Blind Japan* that recently launched on Netflix. She had to learn a new software platform and retrain in what she thought she knew about timing and natural conversation pauses. She was also able to collaborate with friend and translator **Emily Taylor** (MATLM '17). It was an exciting change from her freelance work, which is often confidential. • Four Institute alumni were recently featured in a *Multilingual Magazine*'s article about women in the language service field who are shaping the translation and localization industry. **Winnie Heh** (MATI '90) is a career advisor at the Institute who has earned tremendous respect in language services; **Allison McDougall** (MBA '92) is executive VP at G3 Translate whose current focus is helping companies ensure inclusivity and equity in medical and health information; **Eva Klaudinyova** (MAT '01) is an assistant professor of localization practice at the Institute and is a localization expert who spent most of her career working for some of the biggest IT companies in Silicon Valley; and **Vanessa Prolow** (MATLM '20) is project manager at TVT Media and the senior localization project manager at Translation Commons and is a volunteer with Women in Localization, where she serves as assistant secretary.

ClassActs

Midd roommate, **Heather Budd**. Though not regularly chronicled in these pages, their four stories (with Matt Kading '98) have included each other ever since Middlebury introduced and joined them more than 25 years ago. En bloc or in pairs, they have traveled widely to see each other as their lives have circulated through Cambridge, Mass., Miami, New York, Russia, Ireland, Spain, Maine, Colorado, Oregon, and California. They've celebrated weddings, gathered for birthdays, shared homes, families, and many dogs. Sarah, Justine, and Sam are especially grateful to have spent a weekend in July together with Heather and her husband, Robin. Heather was a treasured friend, a soulful, generous, and brilliant human. They sorely miss her, but she remains present in their lives through her artwork that graces their walls, her wise voice that echoes within, and by her indelible example of a life passionately lived with intention, commitment, and deep love for the promise and beauty of every day.

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Happy 2022, friends! It's hard to believe we've been in the pandemic for two years now. **Zach Tofias**, **Andre Duchette**, **Blake Rutherford**, **John Richardson**, **Anthony D'Avella**, **Robb Johnson**, **Marc Zelnick**, and **Pete Winstead** (all '00.5) celebrated their 100th Friday night call since the start of the pandemic. Over these two years, many Middlebury friends have made guest appearances. Zach writes, "The camaraderie of great friends has been a source of strength, laughter, and joy during the long days of the pandemic." The friends marked the 100th call in black tie (see photo on page 68). • I (**Jennifer**) was happy to hear about this steady reunion of my fellow Febs! I, too, have taken great comfort and strength from Middlebury friends, whether in person or over Zoom, during these difficult times. Things are starting to open up in my corner of the world (Concord, Mass.). I miss teaching J-term at Middlebury, which I had the opportunity to do from 2015–2019, but my current schedule keeps me local these days. I run the Writing to Heal Program at Grub Street Creative Writing Center in Boston; am the senior writer and patient experience representative for the Lyme Disease Education Initiative at Harvard Medical School; and write a weekly column for the Global Lyme Alliance. I'm also trying to publish a memoir about my journey with several long-haul illnesses, including tick-borne illnesses, Epstein-Barr virus, and COVID-19. If there are any Midd agents or editors out there who would like to learn more about my story of resilience, hope, and the quest for a new normal, please reach out! • I'd love to hear updates from others!

—Class Correspondent: Jennifer Crystal (jennifercrystalwriter@gmail.com).

01

Molly Holmberg Brown reports, "I opened a new studio and gallery for MollyMaps in South Portland, Maine! Come visit!" • **Peter Day** writes, "When I'm not happily ensconced in family life in Vermont with my wife and our amazing daughter, I'm still hard at work writing lots of new songs. I've been excited about Patreon, a platform that allows me to share an intimate look at my creative process with monthly updates (new songs/videos/Song Exploder-type 'how this crazy backwards riff and overheard bit of a conversation became a song'-kind-of-content). I'd love to share what I've been up to with you! Go to patreon.com/peterdaymusic."

—Class Correspondents: Leslie Fox Arnould (lesliearnould@gmail.com); Zach Bourque (zacharybourque@gmail.com).

02

REUNION CLASS It is with heavy hearts that we share that our classmate **Courtney Lane Bass** passed away August 27, 2021, after a yearlong fight with cancer. Courtney graduated magna cum laude with a BA in psychology. She continued on to complete her medical degree at Albany Medical College in Albany, N.Y., followed by a residency in pediatric medicine with Brown University at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence, R.I. Courtney went on to practice pediatric medicine with Narragansett Bay Pediatrics in Wakefield, R.I. She married and settled into life by the beach. She loved her work and her patients and was loved by them in return. At home she was a deeply devoted mother to her four-year-old son and two-year-old daughter. It was hard to find her without a broad smile and an infectious love for life. She will be missed, but her spirit lives on in her family and friends.

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03

We are still looking for two classmates to take over as class correspondents. Please contact Sara Marshall, the alumni editor, at smarshal@middlebury.edu if you are interested in helping to keep your class connected! Many thanks to **Nathan Davis** and **Janine Knight-Grofe** for their years of service as correspondents!

04

Cassidy Freeman stars in the HBO series *The Righteous Gemstones,* which recently began its second season and has been signed on for a third. The family at the heart of the story is a world-famous televangelist family with a long tradition of deviance, greed, and charitable work and a megachurch empire. Cassidy plays Amber Gemstone, a gun-toting preacher's wife. She was recently interviewed on reckonsouth.com.

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05

Tesalia de Saram has been hunkering down in NYC with her immediate family as Omicron rages outside. She is excited to be re-emerging and connecting again with friends and family though. So if you count yourself Tesalia's "friends and family," we hope you will reach out to her too! • **Thomas Wisdom** is still living in Bend, Ore., and recently started working for a company based in Boston called Tomorrow.io. He has a small horse farm and many chickens, cats, and dogs. How cool is that? What an enticing place to visit! • **Amer Barghouth** recently caught up with **Emma Sabiiti** remotely and the two hit it off like no time had passed since they last met! Emma and Amer are actively collaborating as they work on related solution sets in the climate change mitigation space. • Emma also caught up with **Delia Conache**, who has started her own architecture firm with her husband. They are called Assemble Design Workshop (great name!), and they focus on multifamily housing and commercial projects. Their first project, for which they are an architectural consultant, is a 50-unit affordable housing project located in the Albany Park neighborhood of Chicago. They are also about to start work on a rooftop addition in the West Loop, also in Chicago. Cool beans, Delia! • **Jasmin Johnson** (**Jazzy**) is still in Honiara, Solomon Islands, where she is doing COVID-19 response work. • Check out a photo of **Jason Lockhart**'s wedding on page 72!

—Class Correspondents: Jasmin Johnson (johnson.jasmin@gmail.com); Emma Sabiiti (esabiiti@gmail.com).

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Please send us your news! We'd love to hear from you.

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07

REUNION CLASS The *Siefer's Scoop* podcast, part of the *Middlebury Campus,* recently did an interview with **Steve Hauschka** about his NFL career and Super Bowl victory. To listen, go to middleburycampus.com and check it out! • **Emily Read** married Harry Just in October 2021. Check out a photo from the wedding on page 68! • Meanwhile, put our 15th Reunion on your calendar and make your way back to campus June 10–12. And if you like staying connected to classmates, please consider taking on the role of the class correspondent for your class and stay up-to-date on your classmates news. Email Sara Marshall at smarshal@middlebury.edu if you are interested.

—Class Correspondent: Judd Melón (wilsonjmelon@gmail.com).

08

Congratulations to **Rebecca Jones**, who has published her first novel, *Steadying the Ark.* Rebecca is a prosecutor in Phoenix and inspired by her career of handling sex crimes cases,

she has created assistant district attorney Mack Wilson in her crime thriller, whose days are devoted to arguing a high-profile pedophilia case in the courtroom but whose nights are troubled by a series of crimes that hit closer to home. Rebecca was recently interviewed on wickedauthors.com.

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09 **Ben Ehrlich** has published his second book, *The Brain in Search of Itself*—a biography of the greatest brain scientist who ever lived—with Farrar, Straus and Giroux. • In 2018, **Cully Cavness** cofounded the company Crusoe Energy, which has been growing so quickly that the firm will be moving into a new office building in Denver's Cherry Creek neighborhood, taking 31,000 square feet across two floors. The company does what Cully calls "digital flare mitigation," capturing excess natural gas produced during oil and gas extraction and converting it to electricity used to power modular data centers that mine cryptocurrency. • **Kelley Coughlan Heck** was recently named to the Class of 2022 Herald Premier Business Woman of Long Island, an annual award from Herald Community Newspapers. The award recognizes high-level female business leaders making an impact on Long Island. Kelly is the executive vice president of TRITEC Real Estate Company, which focuses on mixed-use and multifamily development in downtown and transit-oriented locations. • At this point, **Ashley Volwiler** would like to step down as a class correspondent and we need someone to take over. If you are interested in helping to keep your classmates connected, please contact Sara Marshall, the alumni editor, at smarshal@middlebury.edu.

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11 In 2020, **Eric Bartolotti** and his partner formed an LLC in Milwaukee, Wis., called "Nink Bartolotti Properties." Eric quit his teaching job in 2021 after contracting COVID-19 and developing chronic fatigue. He and his wife had their first child, Otto Bartolotti, in December 2021. Eric is now enjoying his role as stay-at-home parent. • **Ryan Bates** is teaching design and stagecraft for film and theater at Boston University and Emerson College, where he also heads the college's props department. • **Emily Culp** and Ryan Kellett '09.5 celebrated 13 years together with a pre-wedding trip to Puerto Rico along with Midd friends **Nina Hommel**, Sarah Chapin '12, **Jared Stensland**, and Carly Westling '13. Check out a photo on page 72. • **Colin Gibson** will be moving from Edison, N.J., back to his home state of Connecticut. He's spent the past three years at Liberty Mutual and will be joining their Connecticut legal department in Wallingford. • **Kalie Mix** is working as a senior scientist at Sanofi pharmaceutical company. Her research focuses on developing new immunotherapy medicines for patients with cancer and auto-immune diseases. She lives in Boston with her fiancé and their labradoodle, Trixie. • **Bill Noble** is living in Gothenburg, Sweden, where he works as a PhD student. He is hoping to defend his thesis in the spring of 2023 and, in a call back to the spring of 2011, has no idea what comes next. • **Maria Perille** continues to work for Facebook (now Meta) and last year moved from San Francisco, Calif., to her hometown of Denver, Colo., where she enjoys spending more time with fellow Midd alums like **Hilary Walker** and raising her young daughter near family. **Hilary** has been teaching high school physics in Denver for the last 10 years and loves that. She spends her free time skiing, gardening, playing ultimate frisbee, and enjoying Colorado!

—Class Correspondent: Sam Parnell (Midd2011@gmail.com).

12 **REUNION CLASS** Mark your calendars to celebrate our 10-year Reunion in Vermont! Reunion events will occur on campus from June 10–12 and we hope to see all of you there! Registration is open now at go.middlebury.edu/reunionregistration, but closes May 15! • Here are a few updates from some of our classmates! As always, please reach out anytime with an update. We'd love to hear what you have been up to! • **Jessi Jezewska Stevens**'s second novel, *The Visitors*, will be published in the U.K. and U.S. on June 7 by And Other Stories press. Her first novel, *The Exhibition of Persephone Q*, was a *New York Times Book Review* Editors' Choice. • **Lukas Strobl** shares, "I recently quit Bloomberg, the place I've worked since graduating from Midd in 2012, and I'm taking over the role of editorial manager for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa at Morningstar." • **Mona Quarless** is in the final stage of her PhD in health psychology and will be defending her dissertation and graduating this spring. She has located back to NYC and is excited to be back near family and friends! • **Izzy Shill** shares, "I wrote, directed, and acted in a short film that played in SXSW 2020, which allowed me to raise the funds to shoot my first feature film. My team and I shot in Louisville, Ken., in August of 2021. It's called *Going Nowhere* and it's a mockumentary about trying to make a film during the pandemic. It's very meta. We're about to finish it up and are submitting it to festivals now!" • **Tik Root** recently had an article in the *Washington Post* about a company called Taiga, based in Montreal, which is the first in the world to make electric snowmobiles. Tik joined the *Washington Post* in 2021 and covers climate and climate solutions.

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REUNION 2022

Registration is open until May 15 for Reunion 2022! For classes ending in 2 or 7, we look forward to welcoming you back to Vermont June 10–12. Visit our website for more details on events, registration, and COVID-19 protocols: **go.middlebury.edu/reunion**.

13 Congratulations to **Anil Menon**, who was recently selected as a Klarman Postdoctoral Fellow by Cornell University's College of Arts and Sciences. He will receive a three-year fellowship to pursue independent research. A doctoral student in political science at the Univ. of Michigan, Anil will write a book on the political legacy of forced migration, which is on the rise globally due to climate change and conflict. • **Cagan Koc**, who has been at Bloomberg since 2016, was recently appointed the Amsterdam bureau chief. Over the years, he has held the post of breaking news editor and a government and economy reporter.

—Class Correspondents: Elma Burnham (eccburnham@gmail.com); Peter DiPrinzio (peterd1331@gmail.com).

14 **Will Brooke** writes, "The startup I founded, Slate, was selected number two as a Top 10 Most Innovative Company in the video category by FastCompany in March. It showcases innovative and breakthrough startups and we're flattered to be selected. You can check it out at slateteams.com." • **Sam Finkelman** is in the middle of a yearlong research trip to Russia, Hungary, and Ukraine and living in Budapest. When the war broke out, he wanted to find a way to help. Now he and **Weyland Joyner** are working with others to transport medical supplies into Ukraine and helping to get refugees out of the country. You can read about his story at penntoday.upenn.edu.

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15 After retiring from ski racing, **Annie Pokorny** began the process of being certified as a technical delegate for ski races. At the 2022 U.S. Cross Country Championships in Soldier Hollow, Utah, she worked alongside a longtime technical delegate as the first-ever all-female technical delegate/assistant technical delegate team in the event's history.

—Class Correspondent: Elyse Barnard (elyse.dh.barnard@gmail.com).

16 **David Fuchs** is one of the reporters from three news organizations who spent the last year digging into the untold stories of Utah's massive teen treatment industry. The *Sent Away* podcast tells the story of this multimillion-dollar industry and how government agencies failed to keep the teens in the treatment centers safe. David is a reporter for KUER public radio.

—Class Correspondents: Emma McDonald (elmcdonald21@gmail.com); Aviva Shwayder (aviva.shwayder@gmail.com).

17 **REUNION CLASS** **Celia Watson** is pursuing a graduate degree in inclusive special education at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. After spending the past two years working in community engagement for Boston Ballet, Celia is shifting her career to teaching and is excited to increase access to education and the arts. • **Emily Goins** sent in a photo of the Midd alumni at the medical school at Duke. Check it out on page 65. • Don't forget our 5th Reunion June 10–12! Be sure to register before registration closes on May 15!
—Class Correspondent: Ivan Valladares (ivanantvall@gmail.com).

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19 Congratulations to **Sam Wood** and his partner Jake Adicoff, who were part of the U.S. Paralympic team at the Beijing Paralympics. Sam as the guide and Jake as the visually impaired skier won the silver in the 20-kilometre classical and also won silver in the men's sprint free visually impaired event. Sam, who has been close friends with Jake a long time, said after winning silver, "We have a lot of trust in each other. It's really understanding Jake and how he skis. I think today that really came into play, especially at the start, just being able to push hard and know that Jake was going to be there with me."
—Class Correspondent: Megan Mahoney (megmahoney19@gmail.com).

20 **James Finn** was recently promoted to the post of criminal justice reporter for the Baton Rouge (La.) *Advocate,* where previously he was covering the Florida Parishes.
—Class Correspondent: Katelan Newman (katelan.newman@gmail.com

21 Each year the Association for Africanist Anthropology offers outstanding student paper awards. Congratulations to **Daniel Krugman** for receiving honorable mention for the 2021 Nancy "Penny" Schwartz Undergraduate Essay Award. His paper "Surviving Carceality, Continuing Life: Refugee Structure, Agency, and Exchange on an African Frontier" was a product from his month-long stay on Mirieyi Refugee Settlement in Adjumani District, Uganda, in fall 2019. He was inspired by the stories of the South Sudanese migrants with whom he lived and hopes that their voices will contribute to the thinking surrounding refuge and the abolition of it. Congratulations, Daniel!

41 **Jean L. Connor**, 102, of Shelburne, Vt., on November 9, 2021. Earning her BS from Columbia Univ. School of Library Science, she worked at several libraries in New York, including the Rochester Public Library, the White Plains Public Library, and the New York State Library, where she was the director of library development. In 1968 she received the Gov. Charles Evans Hughes Award, given by the Capital District Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, and she also received the ALA Reference and Adult Services Division Mudge Citation. A gifted poet, she published her first book of poems, *A Cartography of Peace,* at age 89 and also published *A Hinge of Joy.* Predeceased by twin brother John '41, she is survived by niece Diane Beaman and nephew Robert Connor and their families.

44 **Arthur S. Johnson III**, 99, of St. Albans, Vt., on September 22, 2021. During WWII, he served in the Army Air Forces, Air Transport Command, as a flight radio operator. Earning an MPA from the Univ. of Michigan, he served as city manager in Westchester, Ill., and Greenville, Ill., before moving to Toledo, Ohio, in 1961 to be the executive secretary of the Greater Toledo Municipal League, a governmental research group. He was then appointed city auditor of Toledo before becoming the associate director of budget and finance of the Economic Opportunity Planning Assoc. of Greater Toledo, where he worked until retiring in 1992. He is survived by wife Leonore (Jenkins) '44, children Lawrence, Anne, and Robert, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include great-nephew Patrick Johnson '11.

45 **Dorothea Robinson Foster**, 97, of Berlin, Vt., on August 29, 2021. After graduation, she worked in Connecticut in the international dept. of AAA in Hartford. Moving to Rockport, Maine, she founded the Maine Boys Choir, which had a long and successful run providing local boys with a creative musical outlet. After living on Prince Edward Island, Canada, she lived for many years in Montpelier, Vt. She volunteered, providing assistance to the deaf and blind. She is survived by son Christian '85, his wife, Nan, and one grandson.

Marjorie Watson Haller, 97, of Shrewsbury, Mass., on September 25, 2021. A member of Phi Mu, she worked during WWII as a draftsman at Bell Laboratories. After raising her children, she went to work part time for Digital Equipment Corp. in 1966 as the only circuit schematician. In 1970 she began full-time work as the supervisor of producibility and in 1983, she was promoted to principal engineer. She retired in 1989 but continued as a consultant for two years. Predeceased by husband John, she is survived by children James, Linda, and Robert, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Dorothy Watson Kitchell '42.

46 **Jeanne Picard Johnson**, 96, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., on October 6, 2021. She worked at Phoenix Home Life Insurance in NYC and attended classes at Columbia Univ. Moving to Poughkeepsie, N.Y., she worked at Western Printing and Publishing and IBM until her children were born. She was actively involved in civic and social organizations, especially the League of Women Voters. Moving to Vermont in 1966, she worked at the Univ. of Vermont Medical College and then in the Office of the Vice President as part of the staff development group. Moving to Charlotte, N.C., in 1982, she started an AFS International Student Exchange chapter and was an area representative for many years. Predeceased by husband Arthur, she is survived by children Laura and Lars, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

48 **Thomas L. Lyall**, 95, of Norwood, Mass., on September 18, 2021. During WWII, he served in the Navy. He began his career as an assistant chemist for Hooton Chocolate Co. in Newark, N.J. He was then the divisional VP of engineering and manufacturing for W.R. Grace, where he worked 23 years. In 1976 he opened his own commercial printing company in Milford, Mass., operating it until his retirement in 1996. Predeceased by wife Bridget (Grier), he is survived by children George, Barbara, Donna, Kevin, and Patricia, eight grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Stewart Washburn, 96, of Austin, Texas, on October 17, 2021. During WWII, he served in the Army as a navigator. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Middlebury, he earned a master's degree at Columbia Univ.'s Teachers College in 1951 and a master's in math at Boston College in 1962. He began his career in education in Juneau, Alaska, teaching mathematics and physics, then moved to a position at Conrad High School in Wilmington, Del. Moving to Fairfield, Conn., he taught math at Andrew Warde High School and New Canaan High School, eventually becoming head of Warde's math dept. before retiring in 1983. He is survived by wife Barbara (Butler), daughter Kerry, son Jay, two granddaughters, and five great-grandchildren.

49 **Ruth Grotz Hoegberg**, 93, formerly of Wallingford, Pa., on October 1, 2021. She worked as an organic chemist for American Cyanamid Co. in Stamford, Conn. After the Torrey Canyon oil spill in 1967, she became involved in environmental issues and she and a neighbor obtained a patent for a rotating disc oil skimmer that was eventually considered by British Petroleum but ultimately not used. She later became involved with handmade paper constructions and created Art Is My Business. Predeceased by husband Erick, she is survived by children Sue '76 and David, and three grandchildren.

51 **James D. Ross**, 92, of Middlebury, Vt., on September 19, 2021. He earned his MBA from Syracuse Univ. School of Business Administration in 1952 then attended Officer Candidate School and served in the Navy during the Korean War on board the USS *Cotton.* In 1956 he joined Middlebury's staff as an assistant business manager and in 1965 was promoted to business manager, serving in that role until retirement in 1991. He was a tireless volunteer in his community and was honored in 1998 with the Stephen A. Freeman Award from the Rotary Club and in 2001 with a Bicentennial Citizen's Medal from the College. He is survived by wife Ann (McGinley) '53, children Peter '78, Lauren '81, and Patty, six grandchildren, including Abigail '04, Cailin '12, and Connor '14 Ross, and one great-grandchild. Deceased Middlebury relatives include great-grandfather Lucretius Ross, Class of 1852; grandfather Carroll, Class of 1882; great-uncles Willis, Class of 1886, Lucretius, Class of 1890, Paul, Class of 1893, and Charles, Class of 1895, Ross; father Stewart, Class of 1920; aunt Adelaide Ross Hoyt, Class of 1915; uncles Paul, Class of 1910, Donald, Class of 1923, and Richard '36 Ross; and brother Gordon '51.

52 **Janice Cassel Burnham**, 91, of Vero Beach, Fla., on October 16, 2021. She earned her BS in early childhood education at Adelphi College and taught first grade at the Travell School in Ridgewood, N.J. While living in Dobb's Ferry, N.Y., she was the chairperson of the Conservation and Beautification Committee for 18 years and taught remedial reading to boys in Children's Village. She was predeceased by first husband Edward Finegan and second husband Yerbury Burnham.

54 **Monroe B. Hall**, 91, of Belfast, Maine, on September 7, 2021. After serving two years in the Army, he worked at the *Lakeville* (Conn.) *Journal* before moving to Annapolis, Md., where he served as president of Monroe B. Hall & Assoc. Yacht Brokers and Naval Architects. In 1973, he moved to Belfast, where he was the manager of Drascombe Boats then the owner of Energy Unlimited and also served as the mayor from 1982 to 1986. In 1986 he began his career as a real estate broker with Rollerson Realty and Prudential Realty. Predeceased by wife Kathleen (Donahue) '54, he is survived by children Monroe, Mark, Melissa, and Matthew, eight grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and companion Marie Keene.

55 **Thomas J. Lamson**, 88, of North Andover, Mass., on September 24, 2021. A Chi Psi member at Middlebury, he spent four years at Tufts Univ. School of Dental Medicine, earning his DMD in 1959. He then served two years as a dental officer in the

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue went to the printers. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

Richard E. Hoisington '45 . . . . . March 30, 2022
Elizabeth Gartner Maloney '45 . . . . . February 2, 2022
Mary Gray Rosenfeld '47. . . . . December 31, 2021
Gloria Pilini Miller '48 . . . . . March 14, 2022
Andrew I. Namm '50 . . . . . March 2, 2022
Margaret Curry Gregg '51 . . . . . March 1, 2022
John D. Mooney '51 . . . . . February 28, 2022
Joan C. Pratt '51 . . . . . February 22, 2022
Caroline C. Wheeler '51 . . . . . March 22, 2022
Lucia Howard Cushman '52 . . . . . March 13, 2022
Elizabeth Pierce Edson '52 . . . . . February 1, 2022
William R. Huey Jr. '52 . . . . . February 23, 2022
Alice Bennett Petrie '53 . . . . . March 6, 2022
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Beth Headley Kendall '54 . . . . . February 12, 2022
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Mary-Louise Bayles Wyckoff '54 . . . November 14, 2021
Ralph M. Brown '56 . . . . . March 4, 2022
Gerald W. Cobb '56 . . . . . February 8, 2022
Frederic W. Parsons '56 . . . . . March 10, 2022
Beverly Watkins Schopp '56 . . . . . March 1, 2022
Chandler D. Nims '58 . . . . . March 10, 2022
Samuel Gualtieri '59 . . . . . March 4, 2022
Otis L. Smith '59 . . . . . December 22, 2021
Susan Severson Emerich '60 . . . . . February 12, 2022
Charles F. Emmons '67 . . . . . January 28, 2022
Ruthann Carman Wolff '68 . . . . . February 19, 2022
Clayton "Ken" H. Conn '70 . . . . . March 12, 2022
Maia Sampson Michael '72 . . . . . February 1, 2022
Isabel Browne Driscoll '74 . . . . . August 30, 2017
Joan Rivel Pettrone '74 . . . . . March 5, 2022
Eric W. Hartmann '85 . . . . . March 23, 2022
Christopher J. Long '96 . . . . . April 4, 2022

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Marguerite R. Van Albert, MA French '50 . . . . . March 6, 2022
Serena Savage Baum, MA French '56 . . . March 17, 2022
Michael E. Skocik, MA French '76 . . . February 15, 2022
Robert C. Arruda, DML French '77 . . . . . April 14, 2022
Howard N. Rigby Jr., MA Russian '62 . . January 30, 2022
Georges N. Krivobok, MA Russian '65 . February 12, 2022
Martin Dolci, MA Spanish '63 . . . . . March 1, 2022
William E. Palmer, MA Spanish '70 . . . February 19, 2022
Wendy Graham Mathews, MA Spanish '85 . . . . . December 31, 2021
Melanie Temin Mendez, MATESOL '04 . . . . . February 16, 2022
Matthew A. Barreras, MBA '96 . . . . . February 2, 2022

Air Force, attaining the rank of captain. Moving to Andover in 1961, he opened his dental business, where he practiced until retiring in 1999. He is survived by wife Lyndia (Smith) '58, sons Peter '85 and Charles '89, and five grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include brother Alan '60, sister Sylvia Hutchinson '72, and nephew James Lamson '93.

David M. Stone, 87, of Greenland, N.H., on September 5, 2021. A Phi Kappa Tau, he entered the Army as an anti-aircraft officer and served as a first lieutenant in Germany. From 1960 to 1967 he worked as an employee benefits advisor for Travelers Insurance in Boston. He then cofounded Stone and Michaud Insurance in Manchester, N.H., where he worked until selling the agency in 1989 and retiring. Predeceased by first wife Ingeborg (Hofer), he is survived by wife Barbara, children Catherine '84, David, and Stefanie, and five grandchildren.

David G. Strachan, 88, of Buffalo, N.Y., on November 9, 2021. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Middlebury, he earned his master's in education from Harvard Univ. He taught math, coached sports, and served as chair of the Math Dept. at Nichols School for 45 years. He introduced the first computer class in the 1960s and also founded the company Computer Instruction in the 1980s. With a National Science Foundation grant, he earned another master's at Bowdoin College. Retiring in 2000, he was honored with a lifetime achievement award from Nichols and received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007. He is survived by wife Joan (Rieckelman), children Alice, Charles, James, Edward and David, and nine grandchildren.

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C. Richard Catlin, 88, of Addison, Vt., on August 26, 2021. A member of Delta Upsilon, he served four years in the Navy as a naval aviator in an experimental squadron. He worked four years as the youth and camp director for the YMCA in Troy, N.Y. In 1963 he and his wife bought a summer camp in the Adirondacks, named it Timberlock, and built it into a thriving summer business. They also founded the Salt Ash Lodge in Plymouth, Vt., where he served as manager of the Round Top Ski Area. He also became the owner/operator of Whaleback Ski Area in Lebanon, N.H., before selling it. In 1973 he became a partner in real estate firm Woodstock Properties and later founded Vermont Thermal Shutter. Predeceased by wife Barbara (Ciliotta), he is survived by children Bruce and Toni, and three grandchildren.

Matthew J. Ellis Jr., 88, of Wrentham, Mass., on September 10, 2021. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he served two years in the Army, including in Tripoli, Libya, in a geodetic survey unit. He then worked in wholesale medical supplies for 10 years, before going into materials management in hospitals, including at Strong Memorial in Rochester, N.Y., and Radford (Va.) Community Hospital. Retiring in 2003, he and his wife moved to Cape Cod, where he volunteered at the Cape Cod Technical High School as a mentor in the Math Dept. Predeceased by wife Jeanne and daughter Mary Elizabeth, he is survived by sons Matthew and Robert and three grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Deborah Ellis McIntire '53.

Lyman R. Gilmore, 88, of Antrim, N.H., on October 29, 2021. A member of Chi Psi, he earned an MA from Bridgeport State Univ. and a doctorate in education from Boston Univ. He became chair of the English Dept. at Nathaniel Hawthorne College in New Hampshire before he took a job as a full professor at New England College, where he created and directed the Writing Center. He also had a private psychotherapy practice. Later he became a biographer and published *Don't Touch the Poet: The Life and Times of Joel Oppenheimer* and *The Force of Desire: The Life of William Bronk*. He is survived by wife Cynthia, children Richard '81 and Lisa, and two grandsons.

Peter H. Greenman, 88, of Block Island, R.I., on October 2, 2021. A Delta Upsilon member, he served in the Army in Texas after graduation. After taking courses in accounting at Bentley College, he began a 30-year career in the banking industry in Boston. Moving to Block Island, he immersed himself in the community, working tirelessly as a volunteer. He is survived by wife Sandra (Harden) '56, son Chris, daughter Sally, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Thomas T. Shiverick, 87, of Spanish Fort, Ala., on August 27, 2021. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, he served in the Marine Corps for two years after college. He then went to work for Universal Atlas Cement-Div. of U.S. Steel, working in various states including New York, Florida, and Alabama. He and wife Irene (Moseley) '54 had four children, Sarah, Susan, William, and Kelsey.

Thomas S. Woolsey, 87, of Fort Myers, Fla., on August 25, 2021. A member of Alpha Tau Omega at Middlebury, he earned a teaching certificate from the Univ. of Vermont and taught in Elizabeth, N.J., and Groton, Conn. With an MAT in earth science from Michigan State Univ. and an MS in geology from Colorado State Univ., he joined the faculty at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Ill., in 1970, where he taught geology and geography for 24 years before retiring in 1994. He and wife Lois (Guernsey) '57 had three children, Kristopher, Tami '82, and Scott.

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John M. Faulhaber, 86, of East Providence, R.I., on October 10, 2021. A member of Zeta Psi, he served in the Army for nine years and was discharged as a captain and military instructor in the Dept. of Military Science at Providence College Army

ROTC. He then worked as a broker for Paine Webber in Boston for 12 years before becoming a trust officer and VP of the Private Bank of the Rhode Island Hospital Trust National Bank until his retirement. He was deeply involved in Freemasonry, serving in many capacities, and was awarded the Exemplary Service Award by the Grand Lodge in 1991 and 1998, and the Distinguished Service Award in 2007. Predeceased by wife Carolyn (Hanson) '58, he is survived by children Susan, John, and Thomas, and three grandchildren.

58 **William F. Geenty Jr.**, 85, of Puyallup, Wash., on September 16, 2021. A Phi Kappa Tau at Middlebury, he attended law school at Boston Univ. for several years before entering the Army in 1962 as a military police officer. Finishing that duty in 1964 he returned to active duty in 1967 and completed Ranger School and Airborne training with 1st special forces group on Okinawa. He served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. Leaving active duty in 1975, he retired from the Army Reserve in 1986. Earning his MS from American Technological Univ., he worked as a security manager for a chain of supermarkets and as a U.S. customs officer in Honolulu. He is survived by wife Norma (Murashige), children Shannon and Terence, and two granddaughters.

59 **Robert C. Brower**, 88, of Florham Park, N.J., on October 29, 2021. After serving in the Marines during the Korean War, he matriculated at Middlebury then earned his degree from Seton Hall on the GI bill. He worked as an institutional equity salesman in the brokerage industry for over 40 years, with Spencer Trask and Eberstadt being two of his favorite firms. Predeceased by son Michael, he is survived by wife Dorothy, children Bob, Pam, Susan, and Cindy, and nine grandchildren.

Steven B. Smith, 84, of Ventura, Calif., on August 28, 2021. After attending Middlebury, he obtained his BA in linguistics at Georgetown Univ., minoring in Russian. Moving to Los Angeles, he worked on machine translation from Russian to English in the Synthetic Intelligence Dept. at the Bunker-Ramo Corp. Earning his PhD in linguistics at UCLA, he was hired as the chair of the Program in Linguistics at the Univ. of California, Riverside, in 1971. Moving to Wenatchee, Wash., he wrote the history column "Time Was" for the *Wenatchee World* and taught math and ESL classes at Wenatchee Valley College. Predeceased by son Mark, he is survived by wife Jeanette (Marantos), sons Clyde, Sascha, and Dimitri, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Sue D. Wallace, 84, of Surry, Va., on October 24, 2021. A member of Delta Delta Delta, she worked as an airline attendant after college and enjoyed traveling throughout Europe. She worked as a legal secretary at Geddy and Harris in Williamsburg, Va., then as a secretary in the English and History Departments at Old Dominion Univ. in Norfolk, Va. Predeceased by sister Sally '62, she is survived by several cousins.

60 **Dorothy A. Cattelle**, 83, of Harpswell, Maine, on October 10, 2021. An Alpha Xi Delta, she earned a master's in elementary curriculum at UCLA and taught fourth grade for several years. She then took a job with the government at the Long Beach (Calif.) Naval Shipyard, first as a management analyst and then as a computer systems analyst in 1968. Moving to Washington, D.C., she continued in that position with the Naval Sea Systems Command before working for the National Park Service. In retirement, she was active with Habitat for Humanity. She is survived by two brothers and a sister and their families. Deceased Middlebury relatives include her aunt, Elaine Updyke '33.

61 **Marion Yeaman Land**, 82, of Henderson, Nev., on October 10, 2021. Attending Middlebury for three semesters, she graduated with her BS in French from the Univ. of Missouri, Columbia, in 1962. During her career she worked as a schoolteacher, a social worker, and for many years, as a real estate agent in St. Louis for Edward L. Bakewell and Gundaker Realtors. Predeceased by son George, she is survived by husband Donald, son Donald, and six grandchildren.

62 **Phyllis M. Cole**, 81, of Eugene, Ore., on September 3, 2021. She earned an MAT in secondary school math at Harvard in 1963 then moved to California and worked at Stanford in the new field of computer-assisted instruction (CAI). She did CAI and parapsychology research at Stanford Research Institute, then while editing one of the first magazines to help educators learn about computers, was recruited by Steve Jobs for Apple in 1978. She became a manager and built the publications dept. In 1987 she earned a PhD in transpersonal psychology. Middlebury relatives include her aunt, Edna Volin Cole '24 (deceased) and niece Alemtsehay Putnam '07.

63 **Katherine Holt Barnes**, 80, of Tiger, Ga., on October 10, 2021. She graduated from Syracuse Univ. and earned her PhD in marriage and family counseling from the Univ. of Georgia. She worked for many years as a marriage and family therapist at the Georgia Baptist Medical Center in Atlanta. She was passionate about special needs education and development, successfully working toward mainstreaming handicapped children, and teaching at the American School for the Deaf. She also published several books and articles on the complexities of parenting a special needs child. Predeceased by husband Travis, she is survived by children Cristina, Katherine, Edward, Stan, and Bearden, and 12 grandchildren. Middlebury relatives include brothers Stanley '54 and Nicholas '56 and twin sister Helen '63 (all deceased), and nephew Joseph Hoskins '89.

Russell V. Gladieux, 81, of Berne, N.Y., on November 7, 2021. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, he served two years in the Army before earning a master's in urban planning from NYU. He had a career in government, working for the New York State Division of the Budget in its management program, then in the Dept. of Environmental Conservation. He then served many years as the executive deputy director of the New York State Lottery. He is survived by wife Zenith (Burnett) '64, daughter Nicole, one grandson, one step-granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

Noel W. Kane, 80, of Washington, D.C., on September 10, 2021. After graduation he taught English for three years at Cheshire Academy in Connecticut before earning his JD at Georgetown Law School. He then was an attorney in the consumer protection division of the Federal Trade Commission for eight years. He began his own law practice in 1980, where he helped individuals and families with domestic and probate matters as a court-appointed guardian and conservator until retirement in 2017. He is survived by wife Betty Anne (Cooper) '63, children Jessica and Justin, and three grandsons.

65 **Allan C. Bloomquist**, 78, of New London, N.H., on September 18, 2021. A Zeta Psi at Middlebury, he served two years in the Army, including as an assistant harbormaster for Saigon Port, Vietnam, as part of the 4th Transportation Command. For his service, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. With an MBA from Harvard, he worked for Johnson's Wax before taking a banking job in South Bend, Ind., where he also taught business courses at the Univ. of Indiana, South Bend, and Notre Dame Univ. His career was primarily banking related, specifically in strategic planning, marketing, and business banking data. In 1989 he moved to Washington, D.C., and finished his career at Oxxford Information Technology, retiring in 2012. He is survived by wife Elizabeth (Whiting), children Julie, Laura, and Andrew, and six grandchildren.

Peter G. Karlson, 78, of Nantucket, Mass., and Palm Beach, Fla., on November 9, 2021. A member of Sigma Epsilon, he earned his master's in accounting from Northeastern Univ. He was employed by Ernst & Ernst for eight years then joined the corporate financial world, serving as CFO at John Hancock Property & Casualty Insurance Co. and as an investor/developer at Commercial Wharf in Boston. In 1985, he bought a restaurant and hotel in Nantucket called the Summer House and ran that for many years. He is survived by wife Danielle deBenedictis, children Christopher and Francesca, and two grandsons.

Nicholas Whittemore, 78, of New Sharon, Maine, on September 29, 2021. A Theta Chi, he served in the Army Marksmanship Squad in Korea. Moving to Maine in 1971, he opened Sandy River Cycles in Farmington, selling dirt bikes. Buying a farm in 1973, he grew hay and his famous Jacob's Cattle Beans. He also purchased Lindy Tyler's Chainsaw Shop. He is survived by children Donovan and Elizabeth, and two grandchildren.

66 **William A. Wells**, 77, of Telluride, Colo., on October 23, 2021. A member of Sigma Epsilon, he served six years in the Vermont and Colorado National Guards. Over the years, he taught and coached both alpine and Nordic skiing and worked in sales, selling sales analysis and inventory control systems to ski shops. He enjoyed mountain treks and completed a 420-mile cross-country ski tour along the Continental Divide with friends in support of making it a scenic trail. He traveled extensively and did the Manaslu trek in Nepal just after it opened up. He was also a co-owner of the family business, Cascade School Supplies, with his sister. He is survived by sister Jane Wells Molloy and her family.

68 **Bruce B. Shafiroff**, 74, of Rochester, N.Y., on September 13, 2021. Earning his MD from the Univ. of Vermont in 1972, he completed residencies in general surgery and plastic surgery and served a fellowship in microsurgery in Australia and in hand reconstruction microsurgery in Kentucky. He then worked in plastic and reconstructive hand surgery at the SUNY Upstate Medical Center before opening his own practice in Syracuse, N.Y. Predeceased by son Michael, he is survived by wife Shirley (Levine) and daughter Anne. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Charles '35.

70 **Nancy C. Crawford**, 73, of Exeter, N.H., on October 28, 2021. With a master's in speech language pathology from San Francisco State, she began her professional career in Hawaii then worked in a hospital in Southbridge, Mass. Moving to Long Island, she worked for many years in the public schools as a speech pathologist. Predeceased by husband Roger Sutcliffe, she is survived by daughter Liz '10, son-in-law Mike, and grandson William. Middlebury relatives include father John '41 (deceased) and nephew Luke Woods '07.

Laurel Drake-Major, 73, of Northampton, Mass., on October 17, 2021. After attending Middlebury, she left and became one of the first women to graduate from Wesleyan Univ. She worked as the assistant manager of the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., then served with nonprofits in and around D.C. for over two decades, working on grant writing and development. She also wrote a monthly column for the *Foundation and Corporate Grants Alert* newsletter, advising readers with grace and humor on how to conduct fundraising. She is survived by children Alex, Charles, and Cecilia.

Helen Halcomb Moriyama, 73, of Wellesley, Mass., on October 29, 2021. Moving to Boston after leaving Middlebury, she worked for Colonial Management and Distributors in account research and investor relations, eventually becoming a trust administrator. In 1980 she began working for John Douglas Inc. as assistant treasurer and later became the bookkeeper for the store, the Wellesley Needlepoint Collection. She is survived by husband Halley, children Caroline and Scott, and four grandchildren.

72 **Liesi E. Hebert**, 72, of Chelsea, Vt., on October 30, 2021. After earning her MPH from the Univ. of Michigan and doctorate in epidemiology from Harvard Univ., she worked for the Rush Institute on Aging in Chicago and published numerous papers in journals, including the *Journal of New England Medicine.* A gifted artist, her work was part of the show *Points of View: Seven Portrait Artists* at the Randolph (Vt.) Chandler Gallery in 2013. She is survived by siblings William, Mary, and Anne and their families.

Robert S. Kane II, 69, of Honolulu, Hawaii, on September 23, 2019. With a master's in liberal studies from Nazareth College and many years of experience as a nursing assistant in hospice care, he developed high school hospice education and implemented programs at several schools. After developing the curriculum at the Norman Howard School in Rochester, N.Y., he received a National Association of Independent Schools Leading Edge Award and went on to expand the program at the Harley School, Mercy High School, and at the Grammar School in Sligo, Ireland. He was most recently at the Iolani School's Center for Mindfulness and Empathy Education. His programs were internationally recognized and were featured in print and media, including in the 2013 documentary *Beginning with the End.*

73 **Bruce D. Lauterwasser**, 70, of Winchester, Mass., on November 2, 2021. After earning his MS and a PhD in materials science and engineering from Cornell Univ. in 1979, he went to work for Raytheon for 35 years, first in research and development then in manufacturing as an engineering manager. He is survived by wife Karen (Viglione), and children Steven, Clara, Gregory, and Hannah. Middlebury relatives include mother Barbara Bates Lauterwasser '47 and brother Ralph '71.

74 **Barbara C. Anderson**, 69, of Stamford, Conn., and Wellfleet, Mass., on October 9, 2021. With a degree from the New York Univ. School of Law, she began her career with Cravath, Swain and Moore in NYC before moving to Arnold and Palmer in Washington, D.C. During her 30-year law career, she mainly worked as general counsel at small companies. In retirement, she enjoyed serving as president of the Wellfleet Gardeners. She is survived by husband Stephen Butler, sons Michael and Timothy, and two grandchildren.

76 **Craig H. Simmons**, 67, of Berlin, Germany, on September 30, 2021. After earning his master's in German from Middlebury in 1984, he taught English at a private school in Germany before entering the world of theater. He performed in several shows in German before he became the musical director in Pforzheim and realized his true calling was stage directing. As one of the top musical directors in Germany, he was awarded the German Musical Award for a production of *Elternabend.* Besides being the stage director in Hildesheim at the City Theater, he directed shows throughout Germany. He also taught song interpretation at the Univ. of Osnabrück. He is survived by spouse Norbert Hunecke.

77 **Deborah R. Lyon**, 52, of Seville, Spain, on February 11, 2008. Moving to Madrid after graduation, she taught English there until moving to Seville. She had a long career as an interpreter and translator, working for the Seville World's Fair, Andalusian regional TV/radio, and CNN during the Gulf War and other international crises. She also did freelance work.

79 **Megan W. Battey**, 64, of Middlebury, Vt., on September 25, 2021. After graduating with a degree in art and Italian, she began work at Middlebury as registrar and assistant to the director of the Johnson Gallery, as well as slide curator of the Art Department's slide collection. In 2000 she became the visual resources coordinator for the History of Art and Architecture Dept., a position she held until retiring in 2016. She was also a trained archaeologist and worked on projects throughout New England and abroad. She was married to the late George Todd, professor emeritus in music, from 1992 to 2019. Predeceased by her parents, including mother Jean Anderson Battey '46, she is survived by siblings David, Laura, and Robert.

80 **Robert V. DiLisio**, 63, of South Hadley, Mass., on September 8, 2021. A member of the ice hockey team and Sig Ep at Middlebury, he earned his law degree at Western New England College in 1987 and worked for the law offices of Murphy and McCoubrey in Chicopee, Mass. In 1992 he left private practice and embarked on a nearly 30-year career in insurance claims and litigation, working for various life insurance companies. He is survived by wife Kelli (Ryan) and sons Ned '13 and Luke.

94 **James C. Bradford III**, 50, of San Francisco, Calif., on November 8, 2021. He worked for JC Bradford & Co. before it was sold in 2000. Over the years, he began several businesses, including Zoom Auto Finance in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Rodeo Auto in Houston, Texas. He was an accomplished yachtsman, racing in the Bay Area. Predeceased by father James, he is survived by mother Lillian and brother Bryan.

01 **Andrew D. Dutterer**, 43, of Salem, Ore., on September 25, 2021. With dual master's degrees in environmental studies and community and regional planning from the Univ. of Oregon, he worked for the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, where he spearheaded restoration and conservation efforts on some of the state's most majestic waterways. He is survived by wife Caitlin (Bradley) and son Henry.

02 **Courtney Lane Bass**, 41, of Wakefield, R.I., on August 27, 2021. After graduating magna cum laude with a degree in psychology, she earned her medical degree at Albany (N.Y.) Medical College. After a residency in pediatric medicine with Brown Univ. at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence, she practiced pediatric medicine for several years with Narragansett Bay Pediatrics in Wakefield. She is survived by husband David, a son and daughter, her parents and sister. Deceased Middlebury relatives include great-aunt Arlene Hubbard Flora '38.

18 **David "Holden" Barnett**, 25, of Mobile, Ala., on October 14, 2021. He graduated from Middlebury with a degree in political science. He was a voracious reader with a wide knowledge of a variety of topics and loved movies and music. He is survived by his parents, Mary and David, and his brothers, his twin, Thomas, and Hudson.

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63 **William C. Horner**, 87, MA French, of Swedesboro, N.J., on September 1, 2021. He opened his Salem, N.J., law practice in 1968 and for more than five decades served as the solicitor for numerous local government entities and represented hundreds of clients.

Carroll Coughlin Hughes, 86, MA Spanish, of Barkhamsted, Conn., on October 29, 2021. She taught Spanish and acted as the Language Dept. head at Northwestern Regional High School #7 in Winsted, Conn., for 36 years.

64 **Mary P. Richards**, 86, MA English, of Delmar, N.Y., on October 20, 2021. She was a lifelong teacher, spending the past 27 years of her career in the English Dept. of Bethlehem Central High School.

WALTER R. MEARS
JANUARY 11, 1935–MARCH 3, 2022

Walter R. Mears '56, former College trustee and Pulitzer Prize-winning news reporter, died on March 3, 2022, in Chapel Hill, N.C. He was 87 years old. At Middlebury, he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in English.

He joined the Associated Press (AP) during his junior summer then returned to the Boston bureau after graduation, beginning a long career with AP. He served as the Vermont AP correspondent based in Montpelier from 1956 to 1960, covering the legislature before ending up in Washington, D.C., where he became a national political reporter. Over four decades he covered 11 presidential campaigns, from Kennedy-Nixon in 1960 to Bush-Gore in 2000, as well as the political conventions, the campaigns, debates, elections, and the pomp of inaugurations. His ability to find the essence of a story while it was still going on, write about it insightfully and lyrically, and get it to the wire quickly was legendary, and in 1973, Timothy Crouse featured him in *The Boys on the Bus*, a book about the reporters covering that year's presidential campaign. In 1973, Mears received the Associated Press Managing Editors Association top performance award for his coverage of the campaign.

In 1977 he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting after covering the election in which Jimmy Carter defeated Gerald Ford. He was also the recipient that year of an honorary doctor of letters from Middlebury. From 1980 to 1984, he served on Middlebury's Board of Trustees. In 2011, Middlebury honored him with an Alumni Achievement Award.

Over the years he served as bureau chief in Washington and retired in 2001 as the AP's executive editor and vice president. He coauthored the book *The News Business* with John Chancellor and published his memoir *Deadlines Past* in 2003. In retirement, he taught journalism for a time at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Predeceased by first wife Sally (Danton) and children Pamela and Walter Jr., and by wife Frances (Rioux), he is survived by daughters Stephanie and Susan and their families. Middlebury relatives include sister Carolyn Mears Long '58 (deceased) and nephew Stephen Long '90.

67 **Philena B. Werden**, 77, MA Spanish, of Oakton, Va., on October 1, 2021. With a passion for languages and travel, she had a long career with the State Dept., including in Paris, Madrid, Athens, and Mexico City.

68 **Howard K. Gregory**, 81, MA French, of Harrodsburg, Ky., on November 1, 2021. He taught English as a second language in France for 13 years then taught French at the Univ. of Kentucky.

69 **Martin G. Crabtree**, MA German, of Romanshorn, Switzerland, on September 14, 2021. He taught English at the Thurgau High School in Romanshorn from 1977 to 2007.

70 **Nancy B. Whitmer**, 79, MA French, of Wilsonville, Ore., on September 8, 2021. She worked as a law librarian, first at the Univ. of Pennsylvania Law Library and then at the State of Michigan Law Library in Lansing.

72 **G. Ronald Smith**, 87, MA French, of Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada, on September 7, 2021. His first teaching job was in Plaster Rock, N.B., then he taught in various schools and universities, including two years in Nigeria and Cameroon as well as teaching in Thailand, Saudi Arabia, and China.

90 **Rebecca D. Davis**, 70, MA English, of Easton, Md., on September 5, 2021. She taught at the Kent School, Green Farms Academy, and Virginia Episcopal School, before spending 20 years at the Haverford School, serving as dean of the faculty and chair of the English Dept.

91 **Edwin P. Webbley**, 67, MA English, of Middlebury, Vt., on September 28, 2021. He taught, coached, and was an administrator in several schools, including his alma mater, St. Johnsbury Academy, before arriving at Vergennes (Vt.) High School in 2005 where he served as principal and was named 2010 Principal of the Year.

92 **Barbara J. Vinolus**, 62, MA French, of Capitola, Calif., on November 8, 2021. For more than 25 years, she was a language arts teacher, mainly teaching high school French.